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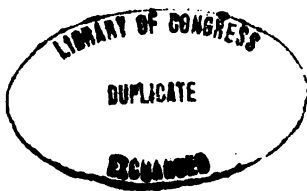
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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

At a General Assembly of the State of Illinois, begun and held at Springfield, on Monday, the seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, being the first session of the fifteenth General Assembly of said State,

The Hon. JOHN MOORE, Lieutenant Governor of said State, appeared, took the Chair, and called the Senate to order.

Whereupon, the following members appeared and took their seats, viz :

From the counties of Will, Du Page and Iroquois—JOEL A. MATTESON.

Cass and Scott—THOMAS M. KILLPATRICK.

Greene and Calhoun—ALFRED W. CAVARLY.

St. Clair—SETH CATLIN.

McDonough, Warren and Henderson—WILLIAM McMILLAN.

Adams and Marquette—JACOB SMITH.

Tazwell, Putnam, Marshall, and a part of Woodford—ROBERT BOAL.

McLean, Livingston, Macon, Piatt and De Witt—GEORGE W. POWERS.

Shelby and Moultrie—PETER WARREN.

Morgan—JOHN HENRY.

Sangamon—NINIAN W. EDWARDS.

Fulton—DAVID MARKLEY.

Franklin, Williamson and Jackson—WILLIS ALLEN.

Wayne, Edwards and Wabash—CHARLES H. CONSTABLE.

White—EDWIN B. WEBB.

Randolph and Monroe—JOSEPH MORRISON.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

HENRY W. MOORE was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

NELSON D. ELWOOD was appointed Assistant Secretary, pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

WILLIAM C. MURPHY was appointed Sergeant-at-arms, pro tem.

The following gentlemen appeared, presented certificates of their election in the present General Assembly, were qualified, and took their seats, viz :

From the counties of Kane, McHenry, Boone and De Kalb—ELIJAH WILCOX.

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La Salle, Grundy and part of Kendall—**WILLIAM REDDICK.**

Rock Island, Henry, Whiteside and Lee—**SILAS NOBLE.**

Schuyler and Brown—**JOHN BROWN.**

Hancock—**JACOB C. DAVIS.**

Knox and Mercer—**JOHN DENNY.**

Cook and Lake—**NORMAN B. JUDD.**

Pike—**HUGH L. SUTPHIN.**

Bond, Christian and Montgomery—**OLIVER COUDY.**

Coles, Cumberland and Clarke—**GEORGE M. HANSON.**

Vermilion and Champaign—**JOSIAH MCROBERTS.**

Edgar—**JOHN T. ALLISON.**

Union, Pulaski and Alexander—**JOHN DOUGHERTY.**

Gallatin—**GEORGE LEVISTON.**

Pope, Johnson and Hardin—**THOMAS G. C. DAVIS.**

Hamilton, Jefferson and Marion—**WILLIAM J. STEVENSON.**

Perry, Clinton and Washington—**ELIAS S. DENNIS.**

Winnebago and Ogle—**ANSON S. MILLER.**

Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Carroll—**LORENZO P. SANGER.**

PETER SWEAT presented a paper, purporting to be a certificate of his election to the office of Senator from the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau.

LINCOLN B. KNOWLTON also presented a paper, relating to the number of votes received by him and **PETER SWEAT** for the office of Senator from the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau.

Which papers, on motion of Mr. Cavarly, were referred to a select committee, composed of one Senator from each of the Judicial Circuits of this State.

Messrs. Cavarly, Warren, Allen, Webb, Markley, Sanger, Judd, McRoberts and Boal, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The Senate proceeded to the election of Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Dougherty nominated **HENRY W. MOORE.**

And the vote being taken on said nomination, those who voted for Mr. Moore, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—33.

Those who voted blank, are,

Messrs. Boal and Hanson—2.

Henry W. Moore, having received a majority of all the votes given, was, by the Speaker, declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate of the fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

NELSON D. ELWOOD, was unanimously elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and so declared by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The Senate proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at arms.

Mr. Wilcox nominated **WILLIAM J. CLINE.**

Mr. Constable nominated **WILLIAM C. MURPHY.**

And the vote being taken on said nominations, those who voted for Mr. Cline, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—21.

Those who voted for Mr. Murphy, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb—13.

William J. Cline, having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate of the fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

Mr. Cavarly moved that the Senate now proceed to elect an Assistant Sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Henry moved to lay the motion on the table; and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—23.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dougherty, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger and Wilcox—12.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

FINNEY D. PRESTON, was unanimously elected Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk of the Senate, and so declared by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. JOHN HARRIS, Senator from the counties of Macoupin and Jersey, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Resolved, That such reporters for newspapers as may desire it, be admitted to seats within the bar of the Senate, subject to such regulations as the Senate may adopt.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that they have met and organized; have elected Henry W. Moore their Secretary, Nelson D. Elwood their Assistant Secretary, William J. Cline their Sergeant-at-arms, Finney D. Preston their Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and are now ready to proceed to Legislative business.

By unanimous consent of the Senate, Peter Sweat and Lincoln B. Knowlton, contestants for the seat in the Senate, from the counties of Peoria, Bureau and Stark, were admitted to seats within the bar of the Senate, pending the determination of the contest.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Resolved, That the Ministers of the Gospel, resident in the city of

Springfield, be requested to open the daily sessions of the Senate with prayer.

JOSEPH GILLESPIE, Senator elect from the county of Madison, appeared, presented a certificate of his election as such Senator, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Resolved, That the rules of the last Senate be adopted for the government of this Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Hon. SAMUEL DUNIAP, Senator from the counties of Crawford, Lawrence, Jasper, and a part of Richland, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. McRoberts offered the following resolution, which, under the rule of the Senate, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to establish the requisite number of standing committees for the Senate, and report thereon at their earliest convenience.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have met and organized; have elected Newton Cloud, Speaker; John McDonald, Principal Clerk; William W. Pace, Assistant Clerk; A. J. Galloway, Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk; John A. Wilson, Principal and Isam G. Davidson, Assistant Door-keeper; and are now prepared to proceed to Legislative business.

The House has also adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of five, three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses have met and organized, and are now ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

The House have appointed Messrs. Denning, Sherman and Dana, the committee on its part.

In the adoption of which resolution they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The last resolution contained in the message from the House of Representatives was taken up, read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cavarly and Judd, be a committee on the part of the Senate, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Cavarly offered the following resolution, which was read, and the rule having been dispensed with, was adopted:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly meet in the Hall of the

House of Representatives, on Tuesday the 8th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M. and there canvass the returns of the votes given for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, at the last August election.

Mr. McRoberts offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Webb, the rule was dispensed with, and the resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to the Senate an abstract, showing the number of votes returned for Representatives to the General Assembly, in the several counties of the State, as also the number of votes for a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Cavarly, from the joint committee appointed by the two Houses to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that his Excellency would communicate with the two Houses, at 2 o'clock, this day.

A message from the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Esq., Secretary of State, was received and read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Springfield, December 7, 1846.

*Fellow-Citizens of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:*

Since the adjournment of the last session of the General Assembly, the loan of \$1,600,000 for the canal, has been completed; the lands and canal property have been conveyed in trust for the payment of the canal debt; a board of trustees has been appointed and organized; the work on the canal for fifteen months past, has been progressing as rapidly as could have been expected, considering the general sickness which has prevailed on the line; and there is now almost a certain prospect, that this important enterprise will be completed and in successful operation within a year from this time. The annual report of the trustees for this year, has not been received; for which reason I cannot now be more particular in stating the progress of the work.

It is with much satisfaction that I am enabled to state, that the people called Mormons have removed from the State. The great body of them removed voluntarily; but, a small remnant were barbarously expelled with force, and in a manner which reflects but little credit on the State or its institutions. Much difficulty has ever existed between this people and the neighbors by whom they have been surrounded; from which it was apparent, that their continuance amongst us would have been the fruitful source of frequent wars and tumults, alike disgraceful to the State, above the power of the constituted authorities to suppress, demoralizing to the residue of the inhabitants, and encouraging, to a spirit of anarchy and disregard of law, subversive of republican government. The difficulties with the Mormons, and my proceedings as Fund Commissioner ex-officio, for the last two years, will be made the subject of special reports to the House of Representatives.

During the past summer, when, upon the call of the President, volunteers were required to vindicate the rights and the honor of the nation, and to chastise an insolent power which had insulted us, nine regiments of our brave Illinoisans rushed to the standard of their country; though four of them only could be taken. And such was the general alacrity for this patriotic service, that great discontent prevailed amongst those who were doomed to stay at home.

As I am about to retire from office, to mingle again with my fellow-citizens in the pleasant walks of private life, and cannot, hereafter, assist officially in carrying any new measures into effect, I do not design to recommend any thing for the future. This task I leave to my successor in office, who is a gentleman in whom the people have justly reposed their confidence. His official relation to the State, and to the General Assembly, makes it more proper that such recommendations should come from him. But I hope to be indulged in a slight retrospection of the past. A review of our progress for the last few years, must minister the highest satisfaction to every patriot who is truly desirous of the welfare of his country.

When I came into office, it was a time of the most disheartening depression, of both private and public affairs. The State was in debt about fourteen millions of dollars, for moneys squandered and wasted upon internal improvements and banking; the domestic treasury of the State was in arrear three hundred and thirteen thousand dollars for the ordinary expenses of government; Auditor's warrants were freely selling at a discount of fifty per cent.; the people were unable to pay even moderate taxes to replenish the treasury, in which not one dollar was contained, even to pay postage on letters to and from the public offices; the great canal, which was more than two-thirds finished, after expending five millions of dollars on it, was about to be abandoned; both of the banks, upon which the people had relied for a currency, had become insolvent; their paper had fallen so low as to cease to circulate as money; as yet no other money had taken its place, leaving the people wholly destitute of a circulating medium, and universally in debt; almost every one was indebted to the merchants, who were again indebted to the banks, or to foreign merchants; the banks owed every body, and none were able to pay; emigration to the State had almost ceased; real estate was unsaleable; the people abroad, terrified by the prospect of high taxation, refused to come amongst us for settlement; and our own people at home were no less alarmed and terrified at the magnitude of our debt, then apparently so much exceeding any known resources of the country. Many were driven to absolute despair of ever paying a cent of it; and it would have required but little countenance and encouragement, in the then disheartened and wavering condition of the public mind, to have plunged the State into irretrievable infamy, by open repudiation. This is not an exaggerated picture of our affairs four years ago.

In the last four years, matters have been very considerably changed for the better. The domestic debt of the treasury, instead of being three hundred and thirteen thousand dollars for the ordinary expenses of government, is now only \$31,212; and there is \$9,269 in the treasury, not counting the sum due from the U. S. to the school fund; and Auditor's warrants are at par, or very nearly so; the banks have been put into liquidation; their circulation has been retired, and its place supplied by a reasonable abundance of gold and silver coins, and the paper of solvent banks in other States; the people have generally paid their private debts, and now stand upon the high platform of freemen, laboring for themselves and their own families, instead of being slaves to the demands of creditors; a very considerable portion of the State debt has been paid or provided for; about three millions of dollars has been paid by a sale of the public property, and by putting the banks into liquidation; and five millions more has been effectually pro-

vided for, to be paid after the completion of the canal; being a reduction of eight millions of the State debt, which has been made or effectually provided for within the last four years; the State itself, although broken and discredited at one time throughout the civilized world, has been enabled to borrow, on the credit of its property, one million six hundred thousand dollars, to complete the canal; the people abroad have once more begun to seek our highly favored land as the home of the emigrant. Our population has rapidly increased, and is now increasing faster than it ever did before; our people at home have become more contented and happy; they have ceased to be terrified by the magnitude of the State debt, and the imagined inability of the State to pay it; they have cheerfully submitted to taxation, as far as they were able, to meet the public liabilities; and have thereby manifested to the world, that they possess a heroic virtue, capable of any sacrifices demanded by integrity and patriotism; and it is with unbounded satisfaction that I now announce to the General Assembly that the former discredit resting upon our people in other States, for supposed delinquencies in paying their debts, no longer exists; and that the reputation of Illinois and its citizens now stands proudly fair and honorable amongst her sister States, and the great family of nations in the civilized world.

I repeat again, that it is with a just pride, and a very high satisfaction, that I am enabled to announce these results; and to claim, as I truly may, that I have at all times fully concurred with the Legislature in all the measures which have been instrumental, so far as legislation could be instrumental, in producing them; and also that I have faithfully endeavored to carry out and execute, to the best of my ability, all the laws which have been passed for this purpose. However, it must be acknowledged that much more credit for this altered state of things is due to the gallant spirit and to the recuperative energies of the people, than to any agency of law or government.

That I may have committed some errors, is not to be questioned. To err, belongs to all the family of man, in their present imperfect state; but whatever errors I may have committed, I trust were the errors of a bad judgment, rather than of a dishonest purpose. Without having indulged in wasteful or extravagant habits or living, I retire from office poorer than I came in; and go to private life with a full determination not to seek again, any place in the government. I retire from the exercise of high power, with heart-felt gratitude and joy; gratitude, for the many favors I have received at the hands of the people and their representatives; and joy, at being liberated from the cares and toils of office.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS FORD.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The message was laid on the table, and five thousand copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The vote taken on the resolution of Mr. Cavarly, proposing that the two Houses meet at 2 o'clock this day, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of canvassing the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, was re-considered, and the resolution laid on the table.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the two Houses will meet in the Hall of the House, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in August last.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Joint Rules of the Houses of the last session of the General Assembly of this State, be adopted as the Joint Rules of the two Houses of the present session of the same, until otherwise ordered.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, shall be appointed to draft and report rules for the government of the two Houses.

The House have appointed Messrs. Morton, Reynolds and Archer, the committee on their part.

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Which resolutions were severally taken up, and concurred in.

Messrs. Judd and Webb were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cavarly, until Monday morning next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them, in pursuance of the joint resolution of the two Houses, and proceed to count the votes given for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in August last.

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by their Speaker, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and proceeded to canvass the votes given for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this State, in conjunction with the House of Representatives; when it appeared, upon counting the votes from the returns of the different counties in this State, that,

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH had fifty-eight thousand seven hundred votes for Governor.

THOMAS M. KILLPATRICK had thirty-six thousand seven hundred and seventy-five votes for Governor.

RICHARD EELS had five thousand one hundred and fifty-two votes for Governor.

THOMAS L. KILLPATRICK had ninety-four votes for Governor.

THOMAS KILLPATRICK had thirty-five votes for Governor.

SCATTERING, seven votes.

JOSEPH B. WELLS had fifty-five thousand two hundred and twenty-one votes for Lieutenant Governor.

NATHANIEL G. WILCOX had twenty-nine thousand six hundred and forty-one votes for Lieutenant Governor.

ABRAHAM SMITH had five thousand one hundred and seventy-nine votes for Lieutenant Governor.

H. E. WILCOX had four thousand eight hundred and twenty-five votes for Lieutenant Governor.

E. H. WILCOX had five hundred and seventy-four votes for Lieutenant Governor.

N. E. WILCOX had five hundred and fifty-one votes for Lieutenant Governor.

N. S. WILCOX had three hundred and fifty-four votes for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. WILCOX had two hundred and thirty votes for Lieutenant Governor.

JAMES B. WELLS had one thousand three hundred and thirty-five votes for Lieutenant Governor.

JOSEPH WELLS had six hundred and seventy-nine votes for Lieutenant Governor.

JOSHUA B. WELLS had two hundred and twenty-two votes for Lieutenant Governor.

SCATTERING, ninety-eight votes.

Thereupon,

The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives announced, in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, the several aggregate numbers of votes, and that AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH was duly elected Governor, and JOSEPH B. WELLS Lieutenant Governor, of the State of Illinois, for the ensuing four years, and

The Honorable the Senate repaired to their Chamber.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that they have adopted the following resolution, viz: .

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint committee be appointed, of three from the House, and two from the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, inform them of their election, and ascertain at what hour they can meet the two Houses in the Hall of Representatives, for the purpose of being sworn into office;

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

And that they have appointed Messrs. Pickering, Sherman and Reynolds, as members of said committee, on their part.

On motion,

The resolution contained in the message was taken up, read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cavarly and Dougherty be a committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Boul offered the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That, when the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect meet the two Houses in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of taking the oaths of office required by the constitution, the Honorable the Judge of the District Court of the United States, the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, the Honorable the Ex-Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and the Ex-Members of Congress and of the Legislature of this State, be invited to take seats within the bar of the Hall of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The rule was suspended, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution relative to administering the oath of office to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, and inviting the Judge of the District Court of the United States, the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, the Ex-Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and others, to take seats within the bar of the House during the ceremony of inauguration.

Mr. Cavarly, from the joint select committee appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, made the following report:

That the committee have ascertained of the Honorable Augustus C. French and Joseph B. Wells, Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect of Illinois, that they will meet the two Houses of the General Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on this afternoon, at half past three o'clock, for the purpose of being installed into office.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now in readiness to receive the Senate in the Hall of

the House, on the occasion of the Inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect of this State.

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by their Speaker, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives. The Honorable Augustus C. French, Governor, and the Honorable Joseph B. Wells, Lieutenant Governor elect, having been severally qualified into office, by the Honorable Samuel H. Treat, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, Mr. Moore, Secretary of the Senate, at the request of the Governor, then in feeble health, read to the General Assembly, the following address:

SPRINGFIELD, December 8, 1846.

*Fellow-citizens of the Senate,
and House of Representatives:*

In presenting myself before you for the first time, previous to assuming the responsibility of my official duties, I can not permit the occasion to pass without making known to the people of this State the deep sense of gratitude I feel for this marked expression of their confidence; and I know of no way in which I can more fully express the sense of the obligation under which I feel myself placed, than by the ready manifestation of an earnest desire to discharge all the duties which may be imposed upon me by the constitution and laws of the State, with a careful regard to the wants, wishes and interests of the people.

During the past season, an ever kind and watchful Providence has crowned the labors of industry with all needful blessings; preserved all the great interests of State; and secured to the people generally, the unimpaired continuance of social, civil, and religious liberty.

These priceless blessings, so far superior to those enjoyed by the great majority of mankind, demand of us the profoundest gratitude to the Great Giver of them all. While favored with a rich profusion for all our temporal wants, we have cause, also, to rejoice in the rapidly reviving prosperity of the country generally, and a comparative relief from the financial embarrassments, which for a long time pressed so heavily upon the hopes and energies of the people. Blinded and misled by a false and deceptive view of the true State of things; encouraged onward by the glitter of a delusive prosperity; we were incautiously drawn into measures, seriously involving the hopes and expectations of individuals, and the interests of the State. It is unnecessary to enter minutely into the causes which led to our present State embarrassment, as they have been often repeated, and are familiarly known to all. From the general features, exhaustless fertility of soil, peculiar adaptation and natural resources of our State, it seems clear, that, for a long time to come, the agricultural will continue to be the predominant interest. The current of business and the habits of our people, as well as a sound enlightened public policy, render the maxim, that "few laws are required to answer all the purposes of good government," peculiarly applicable to our condition. These laws ought to be plain and simple, interfering as little as possible with the free, voluntary employment of capital and labor. Perhaps one of the most striking features in our American forms of Government, is seen in the fact, that a large portion of the delegated powers are designed to operate in a kind of negative character, to be employed rather in restraining the action of those whose interests or inclinations would lead them to disturb the general community of rights which are free alike to all, than to direct or control the various kinds and relations of business and industry. If there is any thing which distinguishes the nature and character of our institutions from those of any other nation, it may be found in that freedom from restraint accorded to every man, to pursue whatever calling his inclination or in-

terest may dictate, provided he encroach not upon the rights of others. If it be true that but few general laws are needed to answer the wants and interests of a free people, it is also true, that frequent changes in our public statutes may become a very serious grievance. Experience teaches, that, with the exception of extreme cases, it is usually far more prudent to wait patiently the operation of a law, until its results can be fully known, than to change it for another whose effect upon the general interest can neither be estimated nor foreseen. It is believed that the too common ambition for change of laws, peculiar to new States, for every seeming imperfection or inconvenience, may be more laudably employed in removing real defects in existing laws, than by frequent radical changes in the old, or an accumulation of new laws. To frame a judicious system of laws, founded upon the principles of free government, and in exact harmony with it, wisely adapted to the wants, interests and necessities of the people, embracing all their most important rights and duties, but not so extensively minute as to become irksome, inquisitorial or oppressive, is an object much to be desired, though seldom realized. It is impossible to shut our eyes to errors which are spread out upon the page of our legislative history; or the difficulty, as regards some of them, of seeking out and applying the proper remedy. In all our endeavors to effect this object, and without which little permanent good can be expected to follow, harmony and concert of action are indispensable. Whatever is done, ought to be done with united counsels.

I shall not enter into any elaborate statistical detail of the present financial condition of our public affairs. This comes more properly from my predecessor. That the State is deeply in debt, is well known; and it should also be known, that there exists among the people an earnest desire that some method may be adopted under which it may be discharged. We have borrowed money from our creditors, for the payment of which the faith of the State is sacredly pledged, and we have applied it at our discretion. There then remains for us but one course to pursue, without entailing upon the State unmitigated contempt and disgrace. That is, to go as far as our means will justify in making provision for its payment. I am rejoiced to know that the doctrine of repudiation of our liabilities, finds but very few, if any, supporters in this State. If we glance over the history of the few past years, we shall find that many of the most serious causes of discouragement and alarm are being gradually removed; and if we look to the future, we shall there see strong signs of encouragement. The large amount of our private indebtedness is greatly diminished. The increasing sales of the public lands, the unexampled increase in the number of our population, and consequently wealth, a fair market price for our produce in a comparatively sound currency—all furnish unmistakable evidence of increasing prosperity, and of our advancement in all the means of substantial improvement and wealth. To these may be added the late arrangement entered into with the holders of Canal Bonds, by which we have the assurance that the canal will be completed at an

All our available means ought gradually to be brought into such condition that they can be applied to the payment of our debts. As it is doubtful if any appropriation will be hereafter made by the Legislature to put in repair the railroad from Springfield to Meredosia, it may be of advantage to the State to dispose of it on some terms, with the provision that it be kept in repair and operation. The State lands ought also to be brought into market, to be disposed of at fair prices; and all debts due to the State from individuals or corporations, put in train for speedy adjustment. An opportunity will soon be afforded the people under an amended Constitution, of reducing the number of the members of the Legislature, by which thousands may be saved to the State, and a stricter economy, generally, introduced into the public service.

At the time of the passage of the law requiring the banks of this State to put their affairs in process of liquidation, there were those who honestly doubted the propriety of a measure so stringent in its provisions, and who looked forward with apprehension to disasters which they feared would follow from it.—But time has fully justified its object, and the expediency of its general provisions; and we may date the commencement of our returning prosperity to the passage of that law. When its provisions shall have been fully carried out, banking institutions in this State will be at an end; and it becomes a question of serious magnitude to the people, whether sound policy will justify the establishment of that law. If the bond holders shall fully comply with the stipulations agreed upon, it is confidently expected that the State will fulfil all obligations resting upon her. When this great work shall be completed, I feel confident that the revenue to be derived from it, with the other means designed to promote that work, will, in a few years, be adequate to the discharge of the entire canal debt; leaving the internal improvement, with some other miscellaneous items of indebtedness, to be provided for. It is not to be disguised, that any attempt to make efficient provision for the payment of our public debt, must encounter difficulties. It is apparent that there exists in the public mind a kind of vague and painful apprehension, that the efforts now making by the people to meet a portion of our indebtedness, are of little avail, and that they are wasting their energies to very little purpose. The uncertainty which hangs over the exact amount of our liabilities, has contributed much to produce this unfortunate state of the public feeling, and can only be corrected by the adoption of some course which shall elicit its true amount.. It is conceived that this may be done at small expense, and with no great difficulty. I do not feel myself called upon at present to recommend any increase of taxation; but it occurs to me, that, with the exception of the canal debt, the best plan we can adopt in the present condition of our public affairs, is, to make provision for immediately refunding the residue.—By refunding the bonds and scrip, the debt will be converted into one uniform transferrable stock. This will require but small expense, probably less than we have already suffered by counterfeits, and will possess the advantage of reducing the whole matter into a clear and tangible shape. For the arrear of interest due upon the bonds, a deferred stock of similar character might be issued, differing only in that it bear no interest for a number of years. By adopting this line of policy with our State bonds and scrip, our debt will not be increased, while we shall be enabled to ascertain the precise amount of our existing liabilities with certainty, and the amount required to meet the interest. To this course, it is believed our creditors will interpose no objection, but cheerfully acquiesce, as it will relieve them from risks to which they are now exposed. It will also remove difficulties which lie in the way of the payment of interest by any one not familiar with the character of the different forms of our indebtedness some of which arise out of the relation which the several issues of our State bonds bear to each other.

ment of another, when we may look forward with almost positive certainty to a repetition of the same scenes through which we have so lately passed. A few years have taught us many things connected with this subject, which we were slow to learn. From an habitual and unwary confidence in the integrity of banking institutions, we came at last to look upon them as almost indispensably necessary, and principles gradually but silently crept into their charters, which have wrought deep and lasting injury to the country, and virtually subverted some of those principles which government was founded in an especial manner to cherish and preserve. The series of evils which incorporate banking has brought into existence, find their main source in the power given to banks to trade upon credit instead of money—to loan simple promissory notes instead of

cash—not to loan only, but create the currency; and an utter exemption from individual liability; besides placing this very power in the hands of those whose interests often prompt to its abuse, and against which it is scarcely possible to interpose any sufficient legislative restraint. It seems to me that the interests of the people of this State will be better promoted by hereafter dispensing with banks altogether, than again to take their chance upon such a sea of uncertainty and confusion as they have lately passed. If we form an opinion from the current of events which have attended the winding up of the affairs of our banks, even under the disadvantage of coercing the payment of a heavy bank indebtedness, the advancing prosperity of the State, the restoration of a sound currency, taken in connection with the agricultural character of our people, it can hardly be doubted that capital will as readily seek this State for investment—be as securely invested, as well as safely and properly managed—as constantly employed, and rendered as practically useful in all the relations of business, and at the same time preserve as safe and sound a currency under forms of association under general laws, as with the aid of banks; while the community will be relieved from the dangers which are always attendant upon them.

Notwithstanding the many attempts of former Legislatures to provide a suitable militia system for the State, the result is, that the whole matter is but little else than a dead letter upon the statute book. It is evident, that, to secure the success of such a system, it must be so modified, that, while it conforms to the spirit of our institutions, it will enlist the hearty co-operation of the people.—We can hardly attach too much importance to this almost exclusive arm of our defence, nor unwarily overlook contingencies which may arise when a well trained militia may constitute our sole reliance against immediate and formidable dangers. The popular and well founded jealousy of standing armies, peculiar to free governments, increases the obligation we owe to our present and future security, to cherish with great care this mighty safeguard of our institutions. A more favorable time to make another effort can hardly be expected again soon to occur, or when we can count with greater certainty upon a cheerful enlistment of the popular feeling in its favor. It seems to me, that by so changing the requisition of existing laws as to adopt the volunteer, instead of the coercive principle, which is now applied to all within certain ages, adding provisions having more immediately in view the complete and effective drill of the soldier; giving also to the superior officers adequate power to concentrate companies into larger bodies, at specified places, within prescribed districts, for a more extensive and thorough practice, will be much more likely to answer the purpose which the friends of an efficient militia system are anxious to realize.

Among the great variety of subjects which lay peculiar claim to the attention of the people and their Legislature, none rank higher, or are entitled to greater consideration, than that of the subject of our common schools. It addresses itself directly to every citizen of our State, from its intimate connection with the love of social, civil, and religious liberty. Some of our most valued citizens are turning their attention to the subject of common schools, with a zeal and disinterestedness worthy of high commendation; but without the assistance of the Legislature, and a cheerful co-operation on the part of the people, their labors will prove comparatively weak and inefficient. It cannot reasonably be expected, that, in the present condition of our State, with some parts of it thinly settled, any system can be devised, which will be absolutely perfect in its practical operations, or which can realize the utmost wishes of all. This inconvenience, however, is gradually diminishing, and in a few years, will, to a great extent, cease to exist. Complaints are frequent, that the township funds in some sections of the State, are so ignorantly or wilfully mismanaged as to be of little or no benefit. If these complaints be well founded, some efficient Legislative provision ought to be made to prevent such gross wrong in future.

I wish here to offer a remark in reference to an unfortunate class of persons among us, who, though few in number, are not the less entitled to our commiseration: I mean the insane. While we make provision for the poor, whether their poverty result from their vices or misfortunes, we overlook this class, whose condition is far more helpless and deplorable; and I most sincerely recommend them to the Legislature as proper subjects for our sympathy and care.

We are just entering upon the discharge of the highest and most important duties pertaining to civil government; and it is most earnestly to be hoped, that, in every vicissitude of our legislative labors, we shall keep steadily in view the Constitution of our country, and the interest of our common constituents. The principles upon which our Government is founded, are plain and simple; and by careful attention to them, our labors will hardly fail to be comparatively easy and pleasant. If we judge of the correctness of our measures by the influence which they will exert upon the hopes, the fears, and interests of the people, we shall be prepared to avoid many of the most formidable difficulties which tend to embarrass legislation. Always recognizing a close community of interests, alike to be respected and observed, we shall find little difficulty in fully answering the just hopes and expectations of those whose confidence has sent us here. I shall be found ever ready to unite with the Legislature in all those measures designed to advance the happiness and prosperity of our common country; and while confidently relying upon the wisdom and protection of that Divine Providence which has dispensed such numerous blessings over our highly privileged land, we may hope to end our labors here in harmony, and with the conviction of having well discharged our duty.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

When the Senate returned to their Chamber, preceded by Mr. Ex-Speaker Moore, who, with Messrs. Cavarly and Dougherty, conducted to the Chair, Honorable Joseph B. Wells, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the Senate. And the former made a brief, feeling and pertinent address upon his retirement from the duties of the Chair; concluding by introducing the latter as his successor.

The Honorable Speaker then addressed the Senate as follows:
Gentlemen of the Senate:

In discharge of the duties of the office to which I have been elected, I am called upon to preside over your deliberations. While I am sincerely grateful to my fellow citizens for the honor they have conferred upon me, I must confess that I enter upon the duties of the station with unfeigned diffidence.

Without experience in Legislative bodies, and little acquainted with the practical application of the rules that govern them, I shall have to rely upon the aid and experience of gentlemen of the Senate.

I cannot flatter myself that I shall avoid the commission of many errors; but constituted as this Senate is, of gentlemen of distinguished character for their courteous deportment and kind bearing, the reflection that those errors will be scanned with an indulgent eye, measurably relieves me from an embarrassment that I might otherwise feel.

Measures of great importance to the present and future welfare of the State, will occupy our deliberations. Perhaps there has been no period in the history of our State, more interesting than the present. Gradually emerging from the gloom of the past, the prospect for the future is bright and cheering. Let her destinies be guided by enlightened and consider-

ate councils. Let her receive the aid that wise and liberal legislation can confer, and that high position will be attained for which she is destined.

I cannot doubt that we are all animated with the same desire to move forward with zeal and harmony in the discharge of our public duties; and that our labors will justly receive the sanction of those for whom we act. And what is more satisfactory than all to the sincere and honest legislator, the consciousness of having faithfully discharged a confided trust.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to the Honorable John Moore, Ex-Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois, and late Speaker of the Senate, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer of this body.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Cavarly, from the select committee, to which was referred the papers purporting to be credentials of the election of Senator in the district composed of the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau, made report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That it appears from the certificate of a majority of the board of canvassers, that Peter Sweat received a majority of the votes in the Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau, and that such certificate is sufficient evidence to entitle him to his seat in the Senate, as the representative of said Senatorial district.

Also, Mr. Webb, from the same committee, presented a minority report, with a bill.

Which reports, &c., were read, and,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Laid upon the table, until to-morrow morning, at half past 10 o'clock, together with said resolution.

Mr. Dennis offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday, the 12th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Senator to the Congress of the United States of America, to serve for six years, from the fourth day of March next.

On motion,

The rule of the Senate was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read, and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Gillespie offered for adoption the following preamble and resolutions, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

WHEREAS, there are persons now living in this State, who in early life, and when our country was a wilderness, settled here and encountered the dangers of the tomahawk and scalping knife of the savage, together with the privations incident to the settlement of a new country; and when war was declared between this country and Great Britain, gallantly defended its interests, vindicated its rights, and endured hardships equal to those for whom Congress has provided pensions and other modes of relief;

And whereas, the Government of the United States has made no provision for those persons, or for the families of those who lost their lives in that service; and as these fathers of the country and its early pioneers are fast sinking into the grave, unheeded and unprovided for by the Government and country they have so faithfully and efficiently served, many of whom, in consequence of exposure and hardships encountered in the service of their country, as well as on account of their advanced age, being unfitted to support and maintain themselves during their declining years: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we deem it due to the persons employed in the ranging service of the United States during the last war, that their names should be placed upon the pension lists of the United States, upon the same terms and footing as others to whom pensions have been granted by our National Government.

Resolved by the General Assembly, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives be requested to use their best exertions to procure the passage of an act of the Congress of the United States for carrying into effect the provisions contemplated in the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

The resolution offered by Mr. McRoberts, on the 8th instant, for the appointment of a select committee to establish the requisite number of standing committees for the Senate, was taken up, and,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act concerning wills;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend an act relative to practice in the Circuit Courts;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The order of business was suspended, to enable him to introduce the following resolution; and the rule having been dispensed with, the resolution was taken up, read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Honorable Ex-Governor Ford, acting heretofore as ex-officio Fund Commissioner, be requested, at as early a moment as convenient, to communicate to this body what action has been taken in connexion with a disposition of the rail-road lying between the city of Springfield and the town of Meredosia; whether the same has been disposed of as contemplated under the law relating to this subject; and if not, why it has not been so done; also, that he suggest what course, from the knowledge he has acquired of the subject matter, had better be pursued, in order to secure its sale; and such circumstances as will secure its continuance in active operation.

Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Mr. Dougherty moved to lay the amendment, as amended, on the table, and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays; as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Cavarly, Dougherty, Dunlap, Henry, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Stephenson, Warren and Wilcox—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Killpatrick, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Smith and Webb—19.

Mr. Webb moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being then taken—Shall the motion to print two thousand copies be amended by substituting in lieu of it the amendment as amended?

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Matteson then modified his motion, so as to make it one to print one thousand copies of said address in the German language.

The question being taken on the proposition so to print one thousand copies, for the use of the Senate,

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a written communication from Ex-Governor Ford, in answer to a resolution of the Senate, of the 10th inst., upon the subject of the Springfield and Meredosia rail-road.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

It was laid on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have adopted the following preamble and resolutions, in the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate:

WHEREAS, the war now existing between the United States and the Republic of Mexico has been brought on by the most unparalleled system of insult and aggression on the part of our enemy, who has not only repeatedly refused to fulfil treaty stipulations sacredly entered into for the indemnification of injuries sustained by American citizens, and insultingly rejected an accredited minister of the United States who had been invited within her borders for the purpose of arranging boundary difficulties; but has, on false assumptions and grounds wholly untenable, entered

our territory and murdered our citizens, thus compelling our authorities to throw aside the amicable feelings entertained towards a neighbor aiming to maintain a popular government similar to our own, and to resort to the last arbitration of nations in order to sustain our citizens in their rights, to drive from our boundaries an insolent invader, and to preserve from desecration the honor of our nation: *And whereas*, our government is so constituted that the prime source of all power is in the people, and that that their sentiments and opinions expressed to the more remote authorities through their immediate representatives form the basis of all correct action on the part of the Government, it becomes our duty as Representatives of the people of a State that gave the strongest expression in favor of a measure which is made the ostensible cause of the hostile attitude of Mexico, to express our feelings in this important crisis of the war, and to tender to the administration a hearty co-operation; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we approve of the course pursued by the United States Government in sending "the army of occupation" into our territory on the Rio Grande, when the intolerable braggadocio of the insolent Mexicans, and their concentration of forces for the invasion of our soil, rendered a war inevitable, and that this course alone could have preserved us from an invasion disgraceful to our national honor, and disastrous to our south-western frontier settlements.

2. *Resolved*, That the prompt and efficient manner in which the Congress of the United States, when the first sound of collision was heard in the capitol, stepped forward and voted to the commander in chief "the sinews of war," meets, with our most cordial approbation, and that we have no hesitation in believing that the same spirit which led them to afford the means for opening the war with a brilliant train of victories, will urge them to vote supplies to enable our gallant army to close hostilities speedily, and to cover itself with unfading laurels.

3. *Resolve*!, That the rush of volunteers from every portion of our extended territory, in answer to the call of the President, evinces to the world the innate strength of our Government, and the grandeur of its institutions, and must satisfy all that a citizen soldiery defending their own homes and firesides, is a most efficient means of defence, and a wall of strength that cannot be broken down.

4. *Resolved*, That the gallant bearing of our army on the fields of Palo Alto and the Resaca de la Palma, and before the battered walls of Monterey, calls for expressions of the warmest approbation; and that the feats of individual bravery and personal daring exhibited on these occasions by our regular forces and enthusiastic volunteers, are not eclipsed by any achievements that adorn and brighten the pages of history.

5. *Resolved*, That we have the most unlimited confidence in the skill and gallantry of our navy, and from the able manner in which it has been brought to bear upon the defence of our commerce and the prosecution of hostile demonstrations by the enemy, we may be well assured that when called upon to act further, its operations will not be eclipsed even by the brilliant achievements of our victorious army.

6. *Resolved*, That great credit is due to the noble sons of Illinois, who, when the government called for troops for the Mexican war, hurried in crowds to the rescue of their country, and, for four thousand called, offered

more than twice that number; and we feel assured that in any further call for aid the government will not find the people of Illinois hesitating or complaining, unless they may complain as they have already done, that many of them are left behind.

7. *Resolved*, That we hereby instruct our Senators and recommend our Representatives in Congress to lend their support to the administration by voting supplies of men as well as money for the most active prosecution of the existing war to a speedy and successful termination.

8. *Resolved*, That to evince the gratitude and good feeling of the country to the soldiers in the army engaged in the Mexican war, and to those hereafter entering the military service of the government, a bounty in land of one hundred and sixty acres should be granted by the general government to each soldier as aforesaid; said land to be selected out of any of the public lands subject to private entry.

9. *Resolved*, That three hundred and twenty acres of land should be granted by the General Government to the representatives of each soldier dying in the service or being killed in battle.

10. *Resolved*, That the members in Congress from the State of Illinois be respectfully requested to use their best exertions to carry into effect the above resolutions, and that the Governor furnish to each member in Congress from the State of Illinois a copy of said resolutions.

11. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the nation are due to Gen. Z. Taylor, the commander of the army of the Rio Grande, and all the officers and men under his command, for the gallantry and skill in the conduct of the war in the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, and at the siege of Monterey.

12. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the patriotism and gallantry of the brave volunteers from this State who are now in service in said war, and their faithful and unflinching performance of duty under the most discouraging circumstances.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State, relative to the votes given for and against a Convention to amend the Constitution, at the last August election.

Mr. Cavarly moved that the communication be laid on the table, and printed for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Killpatrick called for a division of the question.

The question being first taken on laying the communication on the table, it was decided in the negative.

The question then being taken upon the motion of Mr. Cavarly, that the communication be laid on the table and printed, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The resolution of the House of Representatives, giving to the Secretary of State, as Superintendent of Common Schools, until the second Monday in January next, to make his report to the Governor, was taken up, read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Pursuant to the special order of yesterday, the report of the select committee appointed to investigate the right of Peter Sweat and Lincoln B.

Knowlton to a seat in the Senate, from the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau, with the resolution and the report of the minority of the same committee, were taken up, again read, and considered.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The question pending at the adjournment was upon the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report of the select committee, in relation to the occupancy of the seat in the Senate by Peter Sweat.

Mr. Constable moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "Resolved," and adding,

"That, from the returns of the election, deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, from the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau, as well as from the certificates of the Clerks of the County Commissioners' Courts of the said counties, in relation to such election, held in the month of August last, it appears that Lincoln B. Knowlton received the number of one thousand three hundred and eighty-one votes for Senator, from the Senatorial district composed of the said counties; and, also, that Peter Sweat had the number of one thousand three hundred and eighty-one votes for the same office; and that there being no other candidates for the said office, there was a tie between the aforementioned candidates for said office.

Resolved, further, That the committee on elections, so soon as the same may be raised, be instructed to report a bill for a special election, to be held in the said counties, to fill the vacancy of the office of Senator from the said Senatorial district, occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. William W. Thompson."

The question then being taken on the amendment, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb—13.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—21.

The question being then taken on the adoption of the resolution of the select committee, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Cavarly, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb—13.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

PETER SWEAT, declared by the Senate, on yesterday, to be entitled to a seat in the same, from the district composed of the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau, appeared, was sworn into office, as Senator from said district, by Hon. S. H. Treat, and accordingly took his seat.

The Speaker laid before the Senate the biennial report of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following preamble and resolutions, in the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate:

WHEREAS, we, as Americans, ever feel proud of the gallantry and bravery of our citizens, whenever and wherever they have appeared in the field of battle, contesting for our country, and *whereas*, we feel especially proud of the bravery and gallantry exhibited at the taking of the city of Monterey, in seeing among those who distinguished themselves as officers, brave, gallant, and scientific, the names of Lieutenants John Pope and Mason Scarritt, both graduates of West Point, and natives of our own beloved State; therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the thanks of the citizens of this State are due unto Lieutenants John Pope, and Mason Scarritt, for their bravery and gallantry exhibited in the battles of the 21st, 22, 23d, and 24th of September last at the city of Monterey.

Resolved, That the brave and noble conduct of Lieutenants John Pope and Mason Scarritt, in the battles of Monterey, gives us fully the power to assure our fellow citizens of Illinois, that her sons who left their homes to fight the battles of their country, will well sustain the character of their native and adopted State.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The reading of said report of the Auditor was dispensed with, the same laid on the table, and five hundred more than the usual number of copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the Senate the biennial report of the State Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The reading of said report was dispensed with, the same was laid on the table, and five hundred more than the usual number of copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Speaker also laid before the Senate a communication from Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State, relating to the census of 1845.

Mr. Cavarly moved that the communication be laid upon the table, and that five hundred copies thereof be ordered to be printed, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Webb called for a division of the question.

The question being first taken on laying the communication on the table, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on the motion to lay on the table and print five hundred copies, for the use of the Senate, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—28.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Constable, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Henry and Webb—7.

Mr. Noble offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

WHEREAS, in the case of the contested election from the Peoria Senatorial district, between L. B. Knowlton and Peter Sweat, Esq's, the matter is open for further investigation: *And whereas*, a mistake of ten votes was made against one of said parties, in counting the votes in Lagrange precinct, in Peoria county: *And whereas*, if such mistake actually occurred, and the said votes should be counted, there would be a tie vote between the said Knowlton and Sweat: *And whereas*, it appears from the admission of the contesting parties themselves, and upon the face of the certificates before the Senate, there would be a tie between the two candidates: Now, in order that justice and right may be done between the said parties, as well as to the people of said Senatorial district,

Be it resolved, That a select committee of nine, one from each judicial circuit, be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the actual state of the polls in said district, and ascertain whether or not, after counting all the votes given for either of said candidates, there is an actual election by the people of any Senator, or whether or not it is a tie vote between said candidates.

Mr. Noble moved the suspension of the rule; and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Constable moved the adoption of the following resolutions, which, under the rule, lie one day on the table.

Be it resolved by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That the communication between the Gulf of Mexico and that portion of the United States watered by the Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, and their tributaries, is of indispensable importance, not only to the citizens of that country, but also to the United States at large, as affecting the defence of the country in time of war, and the general commerce conducted thereon.

Resolved, further, That the improvement and preservation of the navigation of these great rivers, are objects as strictly national as any intended to increase and strengthen the defences of the country, as well against foreign invasion as against the dangers of domestic insurrection; that such improvements are deemed impracticable by State or individual enterprise, and therefore imperatively demand the intervention of the General Government.

Resolved, further, That the Ohio, Wabash and Illinois rivers, are more important, in a military point of view, as they constitute great National

thoroughfares between the Lakes and the waters of the Mississippi, besides being of immense commercial importance to the citizens of many States in the entire Union.

Resolved, further, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors, with every proper effort, to carry into effect the preceding resolutions, and especially to obtain an appropriation, during the present session of that body, of public land or money, for the purpose of improving the navigation of those rivers.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr Killpatrick offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the Governor's house, in the city of Springfield, and ascertain what repairs are necessary, in order to the comfort and convenience of the Governor's family; and that they call to their assistance some competent mechanic, to estimate the expense of such necessary repairs; and report to the Senate.

Mr. Boal offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That his Excellency Ex-Governor Ford be requested to communicate to the Senate all the information in his possession, touching the recent difficulties in Hancock county.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act extending the limits of the fifth judicial circuit;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Constable, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to incorporate the Wabash Navigation Company;" which, on his motion, was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to pay the balances due canal contractors;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill for "An act to amend 'An act relative to wills,' approved March 3, 1845, and to extend the jurisdiction of Probate Courts;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The bill for "An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes," coming up for consideration, and the question pending in relation thereto being upon a motion to lay it on the table, that question being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

Senate bills, entitled

"An act to amend an act concerning wills," and

"An act to amend an act relative to practice in the Circuit Courts,"

Were severally read a second time, (the first by its title,) and,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

The preamble and resolutions, received on yesterday from the House of Representatives, relative to the Mexican war and the conduct of our officers and soldiers therein, were read.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The eleventh resolution was amended, by inserting after the word "and," in the last line, the following: "To Generals Taylor and Worth, and the officers and soldiers under their several commands."

Mr. Killpatrick called for a division of the question, so as to vote first on concurring with the House in the adoption of the first resolution; and moved to amend, by striking it out.

Mr. Constable moved that the first resolution be amended by striking out all between the word "Rio Grande" and the words "this course alone;" which amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Gillespie, as a substitute for the first resolution, offered the following:

"Resolved, That whether our Government was right or wrong, as to the origin of the present war with Mexico, yet, we being in a state of war, it is the duty of American citizens to aid all in their power to a due prosecution of the war to an honorable termination."

"Resolved, That we deem it injudicious, at the present time, to agitate the question, of whether the said war was, in its inception, just or unjust."

Mr. Warren moved that the two amendments, now pending, be laid on table; and,

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb—12.

The question being divided, as called for, and taken upon concurring with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the first resolution, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Powers, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble and Webb—11.

The question being taken on concurring with the House as to the remainder of said resolutions, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, unanimously, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—35.

The question being taken—Will the Senate concur with the House in the adoption of the preamble? it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble and Webb—11.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House, and to proceed to the election of a United States' Senator, in pursuance of the joint resolution passed some days since.

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by Mr. Speaker, repaired to the Representatives' Hall, and both branches of the General Assembly proceeded, *viva voce*, to elect a Senator to the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Morris, of the House, nominated Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Mr. Webb, of the Senate, nominated Hon. Cyrus Edwards.

And the vote stood thus:

For STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Henry, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Bailey of Brown, Bailey of Fulton, Barber, Bragg, Boyakin, Cantrell, Casey, Chapman, Creel, Cockle, Cunningham, Davis, Dawson, Denning, Eads, Eddy, Ela, Epperson, Erwin, Everett, Fry, Funkhouser, Glenn, Griffith, Glover, Grubb, Harrington, Hansford, Harpole, Hart, Hayes, Hendry, Hick, Higgins, Hodges, Janney, Johnston, Kretsinger, Kinney, Little of Fulton, Little of Will, Logan of Jackson, Long, McDowell, Mann, Marshall, Martin, Miller, Morris, Morrison of Monroe,

Morton, O'Conner, Omelveny, Peirson, Prevost, Reynolds, Robeson of McLean, Rhodes, Rutledge, Stanley, Seehorn, Sherman, Stickney, Sjimms, Skinner, Swing, Slocumb, Stokes, Shumway, Thomas of Bureau, Turner, Underwood, Williamson, White, Wynn and Mr. Speaker, of the House of Representatives—100.

For CYRUS EDWARDS,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Archer, Bailey of Rock Island, Blakeman, Brown, Buckley, Campbell, Caswell, Cross, Cummings, Curtis, Dana, D'Wolf, Gilmore, Huffman, Logan of Sangamon, Lukins, McConnell, Miner, Morrison of Hancock, Pickering, Remann, Robb, Robinson of Menard, Stark, Smith, Stookey, Thomas of Morgan, Tucker, Wardlaw, Watson, West, Wright, Wilcox and Williams, of the House of Representatives—45.

Mr. Boyle, of the House of Representatives, voted for JOHN R. JONES.

Mr. Linder, of the House of Representatives, voted for THOMAS C. BROWNE.

Mr. STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS, having received a majority of all the votes given, was, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared duly elected Senator, in the Congress of the United States, for six years, from the fourth of March next, for the State of Illinois:

Whereupon,

The Senate returned to their Chamber; and,

On motion,

Adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Speaker, announced the following standing committees, to wit:

On Elections.—Messrs. Allen, Boal, Coudy, Dennis and Noble.

On School Lands and Education.—Messrs. Webb, McMillan, Sutphin, Noble, Dennis and Morrison.

On Internal Improvements.—Messrs. Judd, Leviston, Allen, Edwards, Hanson, Brown and Allison.

On Judiciary.—Messrs. Cavarly, Dougherty, Judd, Webb, Constable, McRoberts, Davis of Massac, Gillespie and Miller.

On Internal Navigation.—Messrs. McRoberts, Constable, Sweat, Hanson and Allison.

On Public Roads.—Messrs. Markley, Noble, Sutphin, Harris and Denny.

On Canal and Canal Lands.—Messrs. Sanger, Judd, Markley, Reddick, Killpatrick, Allen and Warren.

On Finance.—Messrs. Matteson, Dougherty, Morrison, Henry, McRoberts, Boal and Wilcox.

On Public Accounts and Expenditures.—Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Henry, Edwards, Stephenson and Brown.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Warren, Harris, Wilcox, Smith and Davis of Hancock.

On Salines and Saline Lands.—Messrs. Leviston, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Powers, Stevenson and Hanson.

On Petitions.—Messrs. Harris, Catlin, McMillan, Coudy and Denny.

On Public Buildings.—Messrs. Edwards, Brown, Killpatrick, Dunlap and Davis of Massac.

On the Penitentiary.—Messrs. Gillespie, Catlin, McMillan, Dennis, Sutphin, Allison and Killpatrick.

On Counties.—Messrs. Catlin, Markley, Reddick, Constable and Sweat.

On Incorporations.—Messrs. Dougherty, Leviston, Cavarly, Wilcox, Powers and Miller.

On Retrenchment.—Messrs. Morrison, Smith, Powers, Matteson, Henry, Coudy and Dunlap.

On Enrolled Bills.—Messrs. Miller and Sanger.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate, a communication from Ex-Governor Ford, in relation to the difficulties in Hancock county.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the communication on the table, and that fifteen hundred copies be ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wilcox moved that five thousand copies be printed for such use.

The question being then taken upon the motion to print five thousand copies, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the proposition to lay the communication on the table, and print fifteen hundred copies for the use of the Senate, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the Senate a communication from his Excellency the Governor, upon the subject of damages to contractors on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

On motion of Mr. Judd, said communication was referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of L. H. Ball and others, citizens of Marshall and Putnam counties, praying for the establishment of a State road from Lacon in Marshall county to intersect the State road leading from Peru to Lafayette in Indiana, and

On his motion, the reading of the petition was dispensed with, and the same referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of George W. Casseday, praying for relief, for Internal Improvement scrip, deposited by him with the late Auditor, W. L. D. Ewing, and

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition, referred to the committee on Finance.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following preamble and resolutions, in the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate:

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has granted to the State of Illinois, the sixteenth section of each township, for the support of Common Schools: *And whereas*, in many cases such lands are in whole, or in part, worthless and unproductive: *And whereas*, it is desirable to make the school funds of each township, as productive as well for the present as any future generation of children; therefore

Be it resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law authorizing the citizens of each township, where their sixteenth section is unproductive, in whole or in part worthless, to relinquish such section, and select other lands in lieu thereof, belonging to the General Government, in this State.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Illinois, transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of our members in Congress.

Mr. Judd offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That a joint select committee of one on the part of the Senate, and two from the House of Representatives, from each judicial circuit, be appointed for the purpose of reporting a bill fixing the apportionment of the representation in the General Assembly, under the census of 1845.

Mr. Markley offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly, will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday, the 19th day of December, instant, for the purpose of electing by joint ballot of the two Houses, one Judge of the Supreme Court for the fifth, and one Judge of the Supreme Court for the second, judicial circuits of the State of Illinois; also, one Attorney General and one State's Attorney for each judicial circuit of said State.

Mr. Gillespie offered for adoption the following resolution, and the rule, having, on motion, been dispensed with, the resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in testimony of our regard for the Hon. John Moore, late the presiding officer of this body, on account of the able and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of said office, he be invited to occupy a seat within the bar of the Senate.

Mr. Allen offered for adoption the following resolution, and the rule having been, on motion, dispensed with, the same was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on Public Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the present road law, as to vest in the County Commissioner's Courts, the discretion to require of persons subject to road labor, in their respective districts, a sufficient amount of road labor to keep the road in repair, in lieu of the taxes now required to be levied; if, in their opinion, the interests of the people in their county require the same; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion, bills entitled

"An act to repeal the 15th chapter. of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to amend an act concerning wills;" and

"An act to amend an act relative to practice in the circuit courts;"

Were severally taken from the table, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

The bill entitled "An act extending the limits of the fifth judicial circuit," was read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Wabash Navigation Company," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

The bill entitled "An act to pay the balances due to Canal contractors," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Judd, was

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

The bill entitled "An act to amend an act relative to wills, approved March 3, 1845, and to extend the jurisdiction of Probate Courts," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. McRoberts, was

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The preamble and resolutions adopted by the House of Representatives, commending the conduct of Lieutenants John Pope and Scarritt, natives of Illinois, at the siege of Monterey, was taken up, read and concurred in.

The preamble and resolutions also from the House, instructing our Senators, &c, in relation to school lands, was taken up, read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The preamble and resolution offered by Mr. Noble, in relation to representation in the Senate from the district composed of the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau, coming up for consideration,

Mr. Judd moved that the resolution be amended, by striking out the words "a select committee of nine, one from each judicial circuit, be appointed with power," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "the committee on Elections be invested with power."

The question being taken upon the adoption of the amendment, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly, the resolution was amended by striking out all after the words "Resolved," and adding the following:

"That the committee on Elections be invested with power to send for persons and papers, and thereupon, after purging the poll books, to ascertain which of the two contestants, Lincoln B. Knowlton and Peter Sweat, or either, has been duly elected and is entitled to a seat on this floor as Senator from the counties of Peoria, Stark and Bureau."

The question then being taken upon the adoption of the preamble and resolutions, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

The resolution offered by Mr. Constable, on the subject of the improvements of the western rivers, also coming up,

Mr. Wilcox moved that the same be laid on the table.

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Condy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox.—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb.—15.

The resolution offered by Mr. Killpatrick, providing for the appointment of a select committee to examine the Governor's mansion, &c., was taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That Messrs. Killpatrick, Judd and Sanger, be that committee.

Mr. Matteson offered the following, and the rule, having been dispensed with, the same was adopted.

Resolved, That the use of this chamber be given on Friday evening next, for a *re union* of the strangers and citizens of Springfield, on the occasion of the election of a United States' Senator.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 15, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate, the biennial report of the board of directors of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of the State of Illinois;

The reading of which having proceeded in, for some time,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The further reading was dispensed with, and

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick, said report was

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Gillespie, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill for "An act to amend an act concerning wills," reported the same back, with a substitute, which amendment as a substitute, was concurred in by the Senate, and the bill as amended, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to present to the Senate a written communication on executive business.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the communication of the Governor, in relation to the amount now due Canal contractors for damages awarded them, and also a bill entitled "An act to pay the balances due Canal contractors," reported the bill back, with amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in their amendment, to the preamble and resolutions of the House, relative to the Mexican war, &c.

The question being upon the concurring in the amendments to the bill entitled "An act to pay the balances due Canal contractors," as reported

ed by the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, it was put, and decided in the affirmative; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Matteson offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the affairs of the late W. L. D. Ewing, as Auditor of the State of Illinois; with power to call for persons and papers, and to swear witnesses, and to report to the Senate as soon as practicable, the result of such examination.

Mr. Markley offered for adoption the following resolution, and, upon his motion, the rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That all petitions in relation to roads, be referred to the committee on Public Roads, and that such committees be instructed to appoint a joint sub-committee for the purpose of condensing the several bills which the committees have agreed to report, in one act.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Coudy offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That a joint committee composed of the Senators and Representatives from the second judicial circuit, be appointed to regulate the time of holding courts in said counties.

Mr. Noble offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That our Senators in the Senate of the United States be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to procure at the present session, the passage of a law by Congress, making appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi river and Lake harbors.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a certified copy of this resolution, to our Senators and each of our Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Dougherty offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved, That the Governor be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, at his earliest convenience, what amount of the school funds of this State has been retained by order of the General Government, and what amount of that fund, if any, is now available.

Mr. Cavarly offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 6th section of chapter CVIII, of the Revised Statutes of Illinois, that the standard weight of corn in this State shall be fifty-six pounds instead fifty-two pounds, as is now provided, so as to correspond with the standard weight in the great commercial marts of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Ordered, That the Governor's Inaugural Address be taken from the table, and referred as follows:

So much thereof as relates to banks, to the committee on Incorporations.

So much thereof as relates to the militia, to the committee on Military Affairs.

So much thereof as relates to common schools, to the committee on School Lands and Education; and

So much thereof as relates to the "insane," to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. McRoberts offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses of the General Assembly will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday the 22d instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Public Printer, a State Treasurer, and an Auditor of Public Accounts.

Mr. Powers offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter sixteen of the Revised Laws, as to authorize process to be issued to all sheriffs, coroners and constables within the State, returnable before the magistrate by whom said process was issued, or in case of his absence, before any magistrate of the county whence said process issued; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Davis of Massac, offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Whereas, the present land system of the United States tends to retard the population and growth of the States in whose limits the public lands lie; *And whereas,* the true policy of the Federal Government is to encourage the sale and settlement of the public lands thereof, whereby the national wealth will be increased, and national prosperity promoted; *And whereas,* the now condition of things in the State loudly calls for the exertion of all the just powers conferred on the Legislature hereof, to place her in a better attitude and to improve her financial condition; *And whereas,* the reduction of the prices of the public lands of the United States, lying within the constitutional boundaries of the State, would tend to increase the population and in corresponding degree the resources of the State, and thereby the means to pay the present large debt of the State; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested, to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of a law to reduce the prices of the public lands within the limits of the several States, or for the cession of the same to the States in whose boundaries they may respectively lie, as the one or the other measure shall be deemed more practicable at this time.

2. *Resolved,* That the Governor of this State be respectfully requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States of America.

Mr. Judd offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to ascertain what number of arms and accoutrements have been received by this State from the United States; where and in what situation they are; and that they report the result of their examination, and their opinion as to the expediency of establishing one or more State arsenals.

The bill entitled "An act extending the limits of the fifth judicial circuit," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Speaker announced a communication from the Governor upon executive business.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The same was acted upon with open doors, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, December 15, 1846.

To the Senate :

I nominate Septimus Levering, to be Notary Public for the City of Springfield, in the county of Sangamon

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Said nomination was advised and consented to by the Senate.

The preamble and resolutions offered by Mr. Gillespie, on the subject of pensions from the General Government to persons employed in the ranging service, coming up, the same were read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The resolution offered by Mr. Judd, providing for the appointment of a joint select committee of the two Houses, to report a bill apportioning the representation in the General Assembly, according to the census of 1845, also coming up,

Mr. Killpatrick moved that the same be amended, by adding thereto the following:

Resolved, That said committee is hereby instructed to apportion the representation of the State on the ratio of not less than twenty thousand inhabitants for a senator, and not less than eight thousand for a representative, as exhibited by the returns of the census taken in 1845.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the time of the adjournment being upon the motion made by Mr. Killpatrick, to amend the resolution offered by Mr. Judd, by adding thereto, &c, that question was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then being taken on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Judd, Sutphin, Morrison, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Brown, Sanger, McRoberts and Boal, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

The resolution offered by Mr. Markley, concerning the election of Supreme Judges and other officers, was taken up and read.

Mr. Allen moved to except the third judicial circuit.

Mr. Edwards moved to except the eighth judicial circuit; which several motions were accepted by the mover of the resolution.

Mr. Boal moved to lay the resolution on the table;

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken upon the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that they have passed a bill for "An act making partial appropriations;" in the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making partial appropriations," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill was amended, by adding the following new section:

"SECTION 2. That any money which may now be in the treasury, or may come into the treasury previous to the first day of March, 1847, not otherwise appropriated by law, shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of the present session."

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The first section was amended, by adding the following:

"And, also, to Ex-Lieutenant Governor Moore, the sum of thirty dollars, for his services this session, as Speaker of the Senate.

Ordered that the bill be read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence in the amendments of the Senate.

Mr. Warren moved that the motion lying on the table, that the Senate proceed to the election of an Assistant Sergeant-at-arms, be taken up;

And the question then being taken thereon, was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dougherty, Dun-

lap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers, Stephenson and Webb—18.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to amend the motion, by substituting for it the following:

“That the Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate be authorised to employ an assistant to assist him in the discharge of his duty, provided such assistant can be procured at an expense not exceeding thirty dollars per month.”

Mr. Warren moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Henry, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox.—31.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Gillespie, Hanson, Killpatrick and Webb—5.

The question being then taken upon the motion to proceed to said election, it was decided as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dougherty, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox.—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers, Stephenson, and Webb.—18.

There being a tie vote, Mr. Speaker voted in the affirmative.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Constable moved a call of the Senate; which proceeded.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Stephen Crocker and others, for an act authorizing an executor to make a deed.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The reading was dispensed with, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of Massac, presented the petition of Henry M. Waters, for an act to authorize him to convey certain real estate therein mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The reading was dispensed with, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gillespie offered for adoption the following preamble and resolutions, on whose motion the rule was dispensed with, and the same read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, we have learned with pride and pleasure of the excellent and unsurpassed good conduct and soldierly bearing of the volunteers of Illinois, now in the service of their country, in the war with Mexico, and of the distinguished consideration in which they are held by their commanding officers; and as such conduct not only does honor to them, but reflects the highest credit upon the State: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That we tender to our absent fellow-citizens, in that service, our sincere thanks for the honorable manner in which they have sustained the character of the State, and maintained the reputation of the citizen soldier of Illinois, not only in their intercourse with the inhabitants of the countries through which they have passed on their march to join General Wool, but during the whole of that long, laborious and trying march.

Resolved, That we urgently recommend to the General Government the propriety of providing some means whereby the volunteers, now in the service of the United States, shall be furnished with clothing and other necessities, upon such terms as the officers and soldiers in the regular service.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution, in the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of eighteen on the part of the House, and nine on the part of the Senate, be appointed, with instructions to prepare and report a bill for an act to apportion among the several counties of this State, their respective number of delegates to attend in Convention to revise, alter and amend the Constitution of this State.

The House have appointed Messrs. Boyakin, Denning, Logan of Sangamon, Davis, Skinner, Little of Will, Glover, Cackle, Thomas of Morgan, Fry, Martin, Remann, Wynne, Pickering, Hendry, Little of Fulton, Kretsinger, and Bailey of Rock Island, the committee on their part.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in regard to the issuing of capias and the proceedings therein before justices of the peace, that judgments obtained under the same against the defendant shall be a lien on the personal property of such defendant, from the date of the service of such capias.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Catlin offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Laws, as to make it obligatory on the circuit court judges to give in charge to the grand jurors to report any violation of the law; likewise, that it shall be the sworn duty of all justices of the peace and constables, and all other peace officers, to prosecute all known violations of this law, and, likewise, to exclude the circulation of all bank notes of a denomination less than five dollars.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. McRoberts offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Elections be required to inquire into the expediency of so amending the election law as to require all votes to be given by ballot, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Allison offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on School Lands and Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the twelfth section of the school law, as to allow the inhabitants of each school district to decide by vote whether they will require of teachers all the qualifications now required by law.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Judd offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish a tabular statement of the population of this State, as shown by the returns of the census of 1810.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Judd offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the Clergy who wait upon the Senate officially, also the Governor and Ex Governor, be respectfully invited to take a seat within the bar of this chamber, at any time it may suit their pleasure.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill for an act entitled "An act to amend 'An act concerning the public revenue,' approved March 3, 1845;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

Senate bills, entitled

"An act to amend an act concerning wills," and

"An act to pay the balance due canal contractors," were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid.

The message from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate of the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of a joint select committee of eighteen on the part of the House and nine on the part of the Senate, to prepare and report a bill for an act to apportion among the several counties of this State their respective number of delegates to attend in convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution of this State, was,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Taken up, read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate, on yesterday evening, having agreed to proceed to the election of an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and a call of the Senate having progressed pending such election,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Cavarly nominated ALFRED HINTON, for said office, and the vote being taken upon said nomination, it stood thus:

Those who voted for Mr. Hinton, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sulphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox.—25.

Those voting blank, are,

Messrs. Boal, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Henry, Powers and Webb.—7.

Messrs. Allison and Edwards voted for W. C. MURPHY.

Messrs. Gillespie and Hanson voted for Mr. CLINE.

Mr. Killpatrick voted for RICHARD STROTHER.

ALFRED HINTON, having received a majority of all the votes given, was, by the Speaker, declared duly elected Assistant Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The order of business was suspended, and the following resolution read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to lay before the Senate, at as early a day as practicable, any vacancy that may have occurred in the Supreme Bench, since the last meeting of the General Assembly.

The resolution offered by Mr. Matteson, upon the subject of instructing the committee on Finance to examine the affairs of W. L. D. Ewing, as Auditor of the State of Illinois, coming up, the same was modified by Mr. Matteson so as to make it a joint resolution of the two Houses, and embrace both committees on Finance.

The question being taken upon its adoption, as modified, it was decided in the affirmative.

The joint resolution, offered by Mr. Coudy, for the appointment of a committee, composed of the senators and representatives from the second judicial circuit, to regulate the time of holding courts therein, also coming up, was read and adopted.

The joint resolution offered by Mr. Noble, upon the subject of instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives, to use their exer-

tions for the passage of a law, at the present session of Congress, for the improvement of the Mississippi river and Lake harbors, also coming up, was read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The resolution offered by Mr. Dougherty, requesting the Governor to communicate with the Senate upon the subject of the school fund retained by the General Government, also coming up, was read and adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. Cavarly, upon the subject of instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter CVIII, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Illinois, also coming up, was read and adopted.

The joint resolution offered by Mr. McRoberts, proposing that the two Houses meet in the hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, the 22d instant, for the purpose of electing a Public Printer, &c., was read

Mr. Denny moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "herein," and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"That a joint select committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire of the printers of this place, as also those, if any, who may be here, and ascertain from them the best terms on which the public printing can be done, and report to the two Houses at as early a day as practicable."

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

The resolution offered by Mr. Powers, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes, was read and adopted.

The preamble and resolutions offered by Mr. Davis of Massac, instructing our Senators, &c., upon the subject of the graduation of the price of the public lands, &c., was read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The Senate adjourned until Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

A message from the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate two communications, in writing:

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Springfield, December 18, 1846.**To the Senate:*

In reply to a resolution of the Senate, of the 16th instant, I have the honor to state, that two vacancies have occurred in the office of Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, since the adjournment of the last General Assembly, occasioned by the resignation of Justices Shields and Thomas; which vacancies have been filled by a temporary appointment, to expire at the close of the present session of the Legislature.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The same was laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker announced a communication from the Governor, on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The same was acted upon with open doors.

The same was read, and is as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Springfield, December 18, 1846.**To the Senate:*

I nominate Ephraim S. Swinney, to be Notary Public for the county of Warren.

James W. Keys, to be Notary Public for the county of Sangamon.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The nomination of Mr. Keyes was advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The nomination of Mr. Swinney was advised and consented to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution relative to the election of certain officers on Saturday next.

Also, a resolution, having for its object the appointment of a joint sub-committee on Roads:

The House have adopted the following preamble and resolutions, in the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate:

WHEREAS, it is the true policy of the Congress of the United States to encourage the sale and settlement of the public lands thereof: *And whereas*, the land system of the United States, now in being, tends to retard rather than to promote the population of the new States: *And whereas*, it is the solemn duty of the Legislature of this State to promote the rapid population of the territory within her boundaries, with a view to the payment of her debt: *And whereas*, the increase of population will be attended with a corresponding increase of resources; and the greater the number of tax payers the greater the amount of revenue arising to the State: Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the Senators in Congress from this State be and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives in Congress requested, to use their best endeavors

to procure the passage of a law to reduce the prices of the public lands lying within the limits of the States, or for their cession to the States in whose boundaries they are, as the one or the other of the propositions may be most practicable.

2. *Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be respectfully requested to cause a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to be forwarded to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint committee, consisting of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, be appointed, to be styled the joint standing committee on Charge of Names, to whom shall be referred all petitions for that purpose, to be reported in form of a bill, including all names so changed, thereby condensing the subject and avoiding useless expenditure.

The House have appointed Messrs. Sherman and Hodges, the committee on their part.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Wabash Navigation Company," reported the same back to the Senate, with an amendment, which was concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on Elections, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of amending the election law, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were so discharged; and the resolution,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Denny offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of passing a law to authorize the recording of patents issued for lands sold by the State, and for making certified copies thereof evidence in courts of justice; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Coudy offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on School Lands and Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 77th section of the present school law, as to make it the duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts to distribute the school, college and seminary fund, according to the biennial abstract required to be furnished to the several school commissioners, in the 70th section of said school law, approved February 26, 1845.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, on leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act for

the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Madison and St. Clair Plank Road Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time, and referred to the committee on Incorporations.

A message from the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to lay before the Senate a communication from the Governor.

Mr. Noble, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to make legal the assessment of all the taxable property in the county of Rock Island, for the year 1845;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, in answer to the resolution calling on him for a tabular statement of the census of 1840; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate, a communication from the Governor, in answer to the resolution requesting him to communicate with the Senate upon the subject of the school fund retained by the General Government; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Senate bill, entitled "An act to amend an act concerning the public revenue, approved March 3, 1845," was read a second time.

Mr. Henry moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint committee consisting of all the licensed lawyers in the House and Senate be appointed for the purpose of examining the revised code of the laws of this State, passed at the last session, and that they report to this House as early as practicable, making a complete correction of all the errors or mistakes, which said committee may be able to discover therein.

In the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The following is the committee on the part of the House, viz: Messrs. Reynolds, Underwood, Thomas of Morgan, Logan of Sangamon, McLean, Hayes, Omelveny, Buckley, Everett, Baily of Brown, Martin, Boyakin, Eddy, Linder, Little of Will, Morris, Stickney, Denning, Janney, Marshall, Little of Fulton, Skinner, Glover, Chapman, Kreisinger, Wallace, and Morrison of Hancock.

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in their amendment to the first section of the bill for "An act making partial appropriations."

The House refuse to concur with the Senate in their second amendment to said bill, adding an additional section.

Mr. Allen moved to refer the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act concerning the public revenue, approved March 3, 1845," to the committee on Finance, with instructions to inquire what modifications of the revenue law are necessary to facilitate the assessment and collection of the State and county taxes.

The question then being taken on the motion to lay the bill on the table until the fourth of July next, it was decided in the negative.

The question then being taken on the motion to refer to the committee on Finance, with instructions, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The order of business was suspended, and the message last received, containing the announcement that the House of Representatives had refused to concur in the additional section adopted by the Senate as an amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making partial appropriations," was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Ordered, That the Senate insist upon its said amendment.

The preamble and resolutions contained in the message from the House of Representatives, relative to a reduction of the price of the public lands; also, the resolution relative to the appointment of a committee on Change of Names, were severally read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Mr. Reddick be the committee on the part of the Senate.

The resolution of the House of Representatives, relating to the appointment of a committee for the purpose of examining the revised code, was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Ordered, That the Senate refuse to concur with the House in its adoption.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution offered by Mr. Judd, instructing the committee on Military Affairs relative to the arms received from the General Government, &c., was taken up, read and adopted.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have receded from their disagreeing vote with the Senate on the amendment to "An act making partial appropriations," and have concurred with the Senate in their said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The communication of Ex-Governor Ford, relating to the Northern Cross rail-road, was taken from the table, and referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Henry, Edwards and Allen, be said committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House, to proceed to the election of two Justices of the Supreme Court, an Attorney General, and Circuit Attorneys for the several judicial circuits, except the third and eighth:

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by Mr. Speaker, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the two Houses proceeded to the election of two Justices of the Supreme Court, by joint ballot, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of Judges Shields and Thomas.

Mr. McRobert's nominated GUSTAVUS P. KOERNER; and

Mr. Gillespie nominated BENJAMIN BOND, for the second judicial circuit.

Mr. Morris nominated NORMAN H. PURPLE, for the fifth judicial circuit.

Mr. Judd, of the Senate, and Mr. Johnson, of the House of Representatives, were appointed tellers; and the votes being counted, stood thus:

For the second judicial circuit:

For Gustavus P. Koerner, 95 votes.

Benjamin Bond, 40 "

Scattering and blank, 7 "

For the fifth judicial circuit:

For Norman H. Purple, 102 votes.

Scattering, 22 "

Blank, 11 "

Whereupon,

The Speaker of the House of Representatives declared **Gustavus P. Koerner** duly elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. James Shields, of the second judicial circuit, and **Norman H. Purple** duly elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Jesse B. Thomas, of the fifth judicial circuit, for the State of Illinois.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of an Attorney General for the State of Illinois.

Mr. Denning, of the House, nominated **DAVID B. CAMPBELL**;

Mr. Denny, of the Senate, nominated **ELIHU B. WASHBURN**.

And the vote being taken, stood thus:

For David B. Campbell, 101 votes,

For Elihu B. Washburn, 38 "

Those who voted for David B. Campbell, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Carlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Harris, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphic, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Bailey of Brown, Bailey of Fulton, Barber, Bragg, Boyakin, Boyle, Campbell, Cantrill, Casey, Caswell, Chapman, Creel, Cockle, Cunningham, Davis, Dawson, Denning, Eads, Eddy, Ela, Enloe, Erwin, Everett, Fry, Funkhouser, Glenn, Griffith, Glover, Grubb, Harrington, Hansford, Harpole, Hart, Hayes, Hendry, Hick, Higgins, Hodges, Janney, Johnston, Kretzinger, Kinney, Little of Fulton, Little of Will. Logan of Jackson, Long, McDowell, Mann, Marshall, Martin, Miller, Morris, Morrison of Monroe, Morton, O'Connor, Omelveny, Prevo, Reynolds, Robeson of Woodford, Rutledge, Stanley, Seehorn, Sherman, Stickney, Simms, Skinner, Swing, Slocumb, Stokes, Stookey, Shumway, Turner, Underwood, Wallace, Wright, Williamson, White, Wynne and Mr. Speaker, of the House of Representatives—101.

Those voting for Elihu B. Washburn, are,

Messrs. Allison, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble and Powers, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Archer, Bailey of Rock Island, Blakeman, Buckley, Constant, Cross, Curtis, Dana, Gilmore, Huffman, Linder, Logan of Sangamon, Lukins, McLain, Miner, Morrison of Hancock, Pickering, Remann, Robb, Sark, Smith, Tappan, Thomas of Morgan, Tucker, Wardlaw, Watson, Wilcox and Williams, of the House of Representatives—38.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives then declared **David B. Campbell** duly elected Attorney General of the State of Illinois.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of State's Attorneys for the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth judicial circuits.

On motion of Mr. Morton, of the House,

HENRY W. DUSENBURY was unanimously elected State's Attorney for the first judicial circuit, and so declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, of the House,

PHILIP B. FOUKE was unanimously elected State's Attorney for the se-

cond judicial circuit, and so declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Hayes, of the House,

ALFRED KITCHELL was unanimously elected State's Attorney for the fourth judicial circuit, and so declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. McDowell nominated WILLIAM ELLIOTT, JR. for State's Attorney for the fifth judicial circuit.

Mr. Tucker nominated ELIAS B. SKINNER for the same office.

And the vote being taken, stood thus:

Those voting for William Elliott, jr., are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dunlap, Harris, Henry, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sulphur, Sweat, Warren, and Wilcox, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Bailey of Brown, Bailey of Fulton, Barber, Bragg, Boyakin, Boyle, Campbell, Cantrill, Casey, Caswell, Chapman, Creel, Cuckle, Constant, Cunningham, Dana, Davis, Dawson, Denning, Eads, Eddy, Ela, Enloe, Erwin, Everett, Fry, Funkhouser, Glenn, Griffith, Glover, Grubb, Harrington, Hansford, Hart, Hayes, Hendry, Hick, Higgins, Hodges, Janney, Johnston, Kretsinger, Kinney, Little of Fulton, Little of Will, Logan of Jackson, Long, McDowell, Mann, Marshall, Martin, Miller, Morris, Morrison of Monroe, Morton, O'Conner, Omelveny, Prevo, Reynolds, Robeson of Woodford, Rutledge, Stanley, Sherman, Stickney, Simms, Skinner, Swing, Slocumb, Stokes, Stookey, Shumway, Thomas of Bureau, Turner, Wallace, Wright, Williamson, White, Wynne, and Mr. Speaker, of the House of Representatives—102.

Those voting for Elias S. Skinner, are,

Messrs. Allison, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Killpatrick, and Noble, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Archer, Bailey of Rock Island, Blakeman, Cross, Cummings, Curtis, Gilmore, Harpole, Huffman, Linder, Logan of Sangamon, Lukins, McLain, McConnell, Miner, Pickering, Remann, Robb, Stark, Smith, Tappan, Thomas of Morgan, Tucker, Wardlaw, Watson, and Wilcox, of the House of Representatives—33.

Those voting blank, are,

Messrs. Powers, of the Senate, and Williams, of the House of Representatives—2.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives then declared William Elliott, jr. duly elected State's Attorney for the fifth judicial circuit.

Mr. Sanger, of the Senate, nominated GEORGE PURINTON, for State's Attorney for the sixth judicial circuit.

Mr. Wallace, of the House, nominated HENRY B. STILLMAN, for the same office.

And the vote being taken, stood thus:

Those voting for Henry B. Stillman, are,

Messrs. Allison, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, and Sweat, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Bailey of Brown, Bailey of Fulton, Bailey of Rock Island, Barber, Blakeman, Bragg, Boyakin, Buckley, Campbell, Casey, Caswell,

Chapman, Creel, Cockle, Constant, Cross, Cummings, Cunningham, Curtis, Dana, Davis, Dawson, Denning, Eads, Eddy, Ela, Enloe, Fry, Glenn, Gilmore, Griffith, Glover, Hansford, Harpole, Hart, Hayes, Hendry, Hick, Higgins, Hodges, Huffman, Johnston, Kinney, Linder, Little of Fulton, Little of Will, Logan of Sangamon, Long, Lukins, McLain, McDowell, Mann, Marshall, Martin, Miner, Morrison of Hancock, Morton, O'Connor, Omelveny, Pickering, Remann, Reynolds, Robb, Rutledge, Stanley, Stark, Seehorn, Swing, Smith, Slocumb, Stokes, Stookey, Shumway, Tappan, Thomas of Morgan, Tucker, Turner, Wallace, Wardlaw, Watson, Wright, Wilcox, Williams, Williamson, and White, of the House of Representatives—99.

Those voting for George Purinton, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Dunlap, Harris, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren, and Wilcox, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Archer, Boyle, Erwin, Everett, Grubb, Harrington, Janney, Kretsinger, Logan of Jackson, McConnell, Morris, Morrison of Monroe, Prevo, Robeson of Woodford, Sherman, Stickney, Skinner, Wynne, and Mr. Speaker, of the House of Representatives—37.

Mr. Simms, of the House, voted blank—1.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives then declared Henry B. Stillman, duly elected State's Attorney for the sixth judicial circuit.

Mr. Ela, of the House, nominated WILLIAM A. BOARDMAN for State's Attorney for the seventh judicial circuit.

On motion of Mr. Little of Will, of the House,

William A. Boardman was unanimously elected, and so declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reddick, of the Senate, nominated BURTON C. COOK for State's Attorney for the ninth judicial circuit.

Mr. Wardlaw, of the House, nominated E. N. POWELL for the same office.

The vote being taken, stood thus:

Those voting for Burton C. Cook, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dunlap, Harris, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, and Wilcox, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Bailey of Brown, Bailey of Fulton, Barber, Bragg, Boyakin, Casey, Caswell, Chapman, Creel, Cockle, Cunningham, Dana, Davis, Dawson, Denning, Eads, Ela, Erwin, Everett, Fry, Funkhouser, Glenn, Griffith, Glover, Grubb, Harrington, Hansford, Harpole, Hart, Hayes, Hendry, Hick, Higgins, Hodges, Janney, Johnston, Kretsinger, Kinney, Little of Fulton, Little of Will, Logan of Jackson, Long, McDowell, Mann, Marshall, Martin, Miller, Morris, Morrison of Monroe, Morton, O'Connor, Omelveny, Prevo, Reynolds, Robeson of Woodford, Rutledge, Stanley, Seehorn, Sherman, Stickney, Skinner, Swing, Slocumb, Stokes, Turner, Wallace, Wright, Williamson, White, Wynne, and Mr. Speaker, of the House of Representatives—92.

Those voting for E. N. Powell, are,

Messrs. Allison, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, and Powers, of the Senate, and

Messrs. Archer, Bailey of Rock Island, Blakeman, Boyle, Campbell, Constant, Cross, Cummings, Curts, Eddy, Logan of Sangamon, Lukins, McLain: McConnell, Miner, Morrison of Hancock, Pickering, Remann, Robb, Stark, Stookey, Tappan, Thomas of Morgan, Tucker, Wardlaw, Watson, Wilcox, and Williams, of the House of Representatives—38.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives then declared Burton C. Cook duly elected State's Attorney, for the ninth judicial circuit:

Whereupon,

The Senate returned to their chamber, and
Adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of S. Howard and others, of Kane county, praying for the re-location of a street in Geneva, in said county; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The petition was referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Denny, from the committee on Public Roads, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of so amending the road law, as to vest in the County Commissioners' Court the power to assess taxes for road purposes, &c., reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The said committee was accordingly discharged, and the resolution laid on the table.

Mr Stephenson offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law, as to tax lands according to their true valuation, without fixing any minimum price.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Stephenson, Dennis and Edwards, be that committee.

Mr. Sweat offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That a joint committee, consisting of nine on the part of the Senate and eighteen on the part of the House, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to apportion the State into districts, according to the census of 1845, for the election of senators, representatives, and delegates to revise the constitution of the State; which number of delegates shall consist of the same number that both branches of the Legislature consist of at present; the apportionment to be made for senators and representatives to the General Assembly, shall each consist of the same number that each branch now

consists of; that said committee be empowered to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Denny offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the road laws as to require citizens of incorporated towns to keep the roads in repair leading into said towns a certain distance beyond their incorporated limits.

Mr. Sanger offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday the 22d instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Prosecuting Attorney for the Jo Daviess and Cook County Courts.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change the name of Jonas Reavis;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Webb offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the committee on Education, in each House, be authorised to depute not exceeding three members of each committee, to visit the Illinois Asylum for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, for the purpose of examining the improvements and buildings, and ascertaining the condition of the school, the accommodations afforded the pupils, and their progress in learning. And the members so deputed should have leave of absence from the two Houses, for the purpose of executing the duties assigned them, from Thursday until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Allen offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the powers with which the Governor is now invested for the suppression of insurrections and mobs, in the several counties in this State, and what additional provisions are necessary, if any, to suppress such insurrections and mobs, and to bring the offenders to justice.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read and adopted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That both Houses of the General Assembly meet in the Hall of Representatives, on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Public Printer, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, and a Prosecuting Attorney for the Cook County Court.

In the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The reports of the Auditor of Public Accounts, and Treasurer, were taken from the table, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The resolution contained in the message from the House of Representatives was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The resolution was amended, by striking out the words "Auditor of Public Accounts and Treasurer."

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The resolution was further amended, by adding, after "Cook," "and Jo Daviess County Courts."

The resolution, as amended, was then concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The vote taken upon the resolution offered by him, in relation to Prosecuting Attorneys in the Cook and Jo Daviess County Courts, was reconsidered, and the resolution

Laid on the table.

Mr. Denny offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing a standard weight for coal, per bushel.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 22, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

The Speaker announced that, by consent, Mr. Killpatrick was transferred from the committee on Public Buildings to the committee on School Lands and Education, and Mr. Sutphin from the committee on School Lands and Education to that of Public Buildings; also;

Mr. Allen, by consent, was added to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847," reported the same back without amendment.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in their amendments to the resolution relative to the election of a Public Printer, &c.

The House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the two Houses meet this day, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer, and Auditor of Public Accounts,

In the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate two communications, in writing.

Mr. Sweat moved that the Senate adjourn, until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

The question being upon ordering the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes," to be engrossed for a third reading, it was put and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sweat and Webb—17.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Harris, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Powers, Reddick, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—19.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hanson, for ten days.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of joint resolutions concerning pensions to persons employed in the ranging services; also, preamble and resolutions on the subject of graduation or cession of the public lands; also, resolutions asking Congress to appropriate money to improve the Mississippi river and Lake harbors; also, a resolution directing the Finance committees of the two Houses to examine the affairs of the late Wm. L. D. Ewing, Auditor of the State of Illinois; also, a resolution relative to regulating the times of holding courts in the second circuit.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Wabash Navigation Company," was taken up, read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title to said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The resolution contained in the message from the House of Representatives, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The resolution was amended, by striking out all after the word "concerning," and add, in lieu of the part stricken out, the following: "That the committee on Finance of the two Houses be instructed to examine the offices of the Auditor and Treasurer, and report, as early as practicable, whether their accounts are correct; and, more especially, whether any warrants have been issued and paid, without authority of law."

The question being then taken on concurring with the House on the resolution, as amended,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendment.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Denny, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Mercer county to pay the recorder of said county for services rendered;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace;" which was read.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to a second reading,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The vote refusing to order the said bill to a second reading was reconsidered, and the same

Ordered to a second reading,

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The communication was acted upon with open doors, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Springfield, December 22, 1846.**To the Senate:*

I nominate Nathaniel Applegate, to be Public Administrator for the county of Bureau.

George W. Harris, to be Notary Public for the county of Carroll.

Timothy Dutton, to be Public Administrator for the county of Rock Island.

Frazer Wilson, to be Notary Public for the county of Rock Island.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr Sweat,

The nomination of Nathaniel Applegate, was advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The nominations of George W. Harris, for Public Administrator of Carroll county, and Timothy Dutton for Public Administrator, and Frazer Wilson for Notary Public for the county of Rock Island, were advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Constable and McMillan, for ten days.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House, for the purpose of electing a Public Printer for the State of Illinois, and also Prosecuting Attorneys for the Cook and Jo Daviess County Courts.

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by their Speaker, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and then, in pursuance of the joint resolution, the two Houses of the General Assembly proceeded to the election of State Printer and a Prosecuting Attorney, each, for the Cook and Jo Daviess County Courts.

Mr. Denning, of the House of Representatives, nominated CHARLES H. LANPHIER, for the office of State Printer.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, of the Senate,

The election was ordered to be by acclamation.

The question then being taken upon the election of Mr. Lanphier to the office for which he had just been nominated,

It was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives then declared Charles H. Lanphier to be duly elected to the office of Public Printer for the State of Illinois, for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Sherman, of the House of Representatives, nominated PATRICK BALLINGALL, for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the Cook County Court.

On motion of Mr. Judd, of the Senate,

Ordered, That the election be by acclamation.

The question being taken upon the election of Mr. Ballingall to the last named office,

It was unanimously decided in the affirmative; and

Patrick Ballingall, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was declared duly elected such Prosecuting Attorney, for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Sanger, of the Senate, nominated BUSHROD B. HOWARD, for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the Jo Daviess County Court.

On motion of Mr. Constable, of the Senate,

Ordered, That this election be also by acclamation.

The question being taken upon the election of Mr. Howard to the last named office,

It was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

Bushrod B. Howard was then declared, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to be duly elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Jo Daviess County Court, for the ensuing two years.

The business for which the two Houses had been convened having been thus concluded, the Senate returned to their chamber; and,

On motion,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of their resolution, authorizing the committee on Education of the two Houses, to depute a portion of their members to visit the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at Jacksonville, &c.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor upon executive business.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The same was acted upon with open doors, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, December 22, 1846.

To the Senate :

I nominate Clark Winsor, to be Notary Public for the City of Nauvoo, in the county of Hancock.

Isaac G. Wilson, to be Notary Public and Public Administrator, for the county of Kane.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The said nominations were severally advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Allison, for ten days.

Mr. Warren, presented the petition of John Pearson, for relief, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to a Select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren, Davis of Hancock, Sweat, Davis of Massac, and Dennis be such committee.

Mr. Sanger presented the petition of the Mayor and Alderman, and five hundred and forty-two citizens of the City of Galena, for authority to build bridges in the City of Galena; also

The remonstrance of Osee Welch and one hundred and forty-seven citizens of Galena, opposed to the erection of toll bridges.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The reading of the petition and remonstrance was dispensed with, and the same

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sanger, Sutphin and Dunlap, be such committee.

A message from the Governor, by Thompson Campbell, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

Mr. Matteson presented the petition of George Barnett, for the refunding of certain money, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to make legal assessment of all the taxable property, in the county of Rock Island, for the year 1845," reported the same back with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Ordered, That said amendment be amended, by adding, "And also, that the assessments for the year 1846, for the counties of Madison and La Salle, be legalized."

Ordered, That said amendment, as amended, be concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The order of business was suspended, and the following resolution offered by him for adoption, which under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That a joint select committee, composed of two from the Senate, and three from the House of Representatives be appointed to examine the Revenue Law,—and make such amendments to the same, as they may deem expedient, and make report thereof at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate, a communication from the Governor, on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Said communication was acted upon, with open doors, and read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, December 23, 1846.

To the Senate:

I nominate Horace S. Cooley, to be Secretary of State in place of Thompson Campbell, resigned.

Louis M. Booth, to be Public Administrator, for the county of Adams.

Michael Fellows, to be Notary Public for the county of Lee.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The said nominations were severally advised and consented to.

Mr. Killpatrick offered for adoption the following resolution, which under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, at as early a day as practicable, his plan, in detail, to preserve a safe and sound currency under forms of association under general laws, as recommended in his Inaugural Address.

Mr. Powers offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to assault, and battery and frays, as to authorize the justice of the peace, when any person shall be brought before him, charged with either of said offences, upon good cause shown, to adjourn the trial for either of said offences to any time not more than five days, the defendant giving bond with sufficient security for his appearance at the time appointed for trial, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending sections 9 of chapter 28—69 and 79 of chapter 89, of the Revised Laws, as to make the provisions of said sections harmonize; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 30, in chapter 27, of the Revised Laws; and sections 107 and 8 of chapter 59; and sections 44 and 66, of chapter 89, so as to agree with section 10, of chapter 28, of the Revised Laws; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 7 of chapter 89, as to agree with sections 2 and 6 of chapter 64, of the Revised Laws; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act for the relief of Elijah D. Gage;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of George W. Casseday, reported a bill entitled "An act for the relief of George W. Casseday;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title; and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Justus Post;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Senate bill, entitled

"An act to limit the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Henry,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution offered for adoption by Mr. Sweat, in relation to the apportionment of representation, &c., coming up, on his motion, the same was

Laid on the table.

The resolution offered by Mr. Denny, instructing the committee on Roads, &c., also coming up, was read and adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. Denny, instructing the committee on the Judiciary, to advise as to the standard weight of coal, also coming up, was read and adopted.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have adopted the accompanying preamble and resolution, providing for the appointment of a joint select committee of three on the part of the House and one on the part of the Senate, to visit and examine the penitentiary at Alton.

Messrs. Pickering, McDowell and Logan of Sangamon, are the committee on the part of the House.

In the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Matteson presented the petition of M. H. Demonmond and others, praying for an act to authorize district No. 1, T. 35 N., R. 10 E., 3d P. M., in Will county, to vote a tax of not exceeding fifty cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property in said district, for the year 1847; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Sanger, from the select committee to which was referred the petition and remonstrance relative to the building of bridges across Fever river, at Galena, reported a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of two bridges across Fever river, in the city of Galena;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr Coudy offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Retrenchment inquire into the fact, and ascertain with accuracy, the number of officers now receiving pay on the Illinois and Michigan canal; the amount of money paid to each, and how much paid since 1844; when employed; the particular kind of service of each; and report to the Senate at the earliest day possible. And to effect this inquiry, the committee be authorized to call on any officer or person employed on said canal, that may be able to furnish this information.

Mr. McRoberts offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That both Houses of the present General Assembly adjourn until the second day of January next.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Sweat, for six days.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Sutphin, for six days.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Smith, for eight days.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Leave of absence was given to the Assistant Secretary, until Monday.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The order of business was suspended, and the preamble and resolution contained in the message from the House of Representatives, providing for the appointment of a joint select committee to visit the State Penitentiary at Alton, was taken up, read and concurred in.

Ordered, That Mr. Cavarly be the committee on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis of Massac offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of declaring, by legislative enactment, the extent of the jurisdiction of the courts of the several counties in this State, bounded by the Ohio river.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, which had been instructed, by resolution, to inquire into the powers with which the Governor is now invested for the suppression of insurrections, mobs, &c., reported the same back, accompanied by a bill, entitled "An act providing for holding a special term of the Circuit Court in Massac county;" which bill was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,
Resolved, That the ladies of Springfield be allowed the use of the Senate chamber, on Thursday evening next, for the purpose of giving a donation party.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 29, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have received the announcement of the death of the Hon. William Hendry, a representative from the county of Adams. The House have adopted resolutions expressive of their regard for the deceased, and of their sympathy for his bereaved family; and have appointed Messrs. Morris, Higgins, Chapman, Boyakin, McConnell, Little of Fulton, Long, Morrison of Hancock, and Enloe; a committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to make arrangements for the funeral of the deceased.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The order of business was suspended, when he, after an affecting and appropriate tribute to the manly virtues of the deceased, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Senate have learned, with sentiments of profound regret, of the death of the Hon. William Hendry, late a member of the House of Representatives, from the county of Adams, whose amiable deportment and useful talents the Senate hold in high estimation.

2. *Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the members of the Senate will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act in conjunction with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, in the removal of the remains of the deceased to Adams county.

4. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the widow and family of the deceased.

5. *Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Messrs. Dougherty, Markley, Henry, Warren and Cavarly, were appointed the committee contemplated in the third resolution.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Cavarly moved a call of the Senate; which proceeded, and

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Dispensed with.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Governor be requested to make diligent efforts to obtain and deface the plate upon which the internal improvement scrip of a fractional denomination, of this State, was engraved.

Be it further resolved, by the authority aforesaid, that the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to cancel the seventy-nine pieces of counterfeit scrip now in the Fund Commissioner's office.

Mr. Judd presented the petition of Lyon and Howard, praying for a law authorizing the Governor to redeem certain drafts drawn on the Fund Commissioner, by the commissioners of internal improvements, for work done on the Illinois river in 1839 and 1840; which was read, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of Henry Snyder and 53 others, citizens of Marshall county, praying for the enactment of a law authorizing the trustees of schools of township 13 north, range 10 east, 4th principal meridian, to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at the town of Henry in said county.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, presented the petition of 66 citizens of Warsaw, Hancock county, praying for a charter for a company to construct a rail road from foot to head of the lower rapids on the Mississippi river.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition praying for the alteration of Wall street in Geneva, reported a bill, entitled "An act concerning Wall street in the town of Geneva;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That a joint select committee of nine, consisting of six from the House and three from the Senate, from the third judicial circuit, be appointed for the purpose of fixing the time of holding courts in the counties composing said circuit, and that they inquire into the propriety of shortening the time allowed for doing the business in the counties composing the same.

Messrs. Denning, Eddy, Boyakin, Casey, Marshall and Hodges, are appointed the committee on the part of the House:

In the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Boal, from the joint Finance committee of the two Houses, which had been instructed by resolution, to examine the offices of the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, reported that the affairs of those offices were found correct; which report was concurred in, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, reported a bill entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday the 2d day of January next, at half past ten o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing an Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, for the State of Illinois.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Dougherty offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That if L. B. Knowlton signifies to the committee on Elections his wish or intention, in writing, to contest the seat of Peter Sweat, that said committee be instructed to require Mr. Knowlton to furnish Mr. Sweat with the points on which he will contest the seat; and on such notice being given, the said committee be further instructed to report a bill, authorizing the probate justices of the peace in each of the counties composing that senatorial district to take depositions, to be used before the committee or Senate in said contest; and also, that the committee on Elections be discharged from the further consideration of the subject until such notice is given, and that the Secretary of the Senate transmit by mail a copy of this resolution to Mr. Knowlton, at his earliest convenience.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to lay the resolution on the table, and to discharge the committee on Elections from the further consideration of the subject.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Denny, Killpatrick and Noble—4.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Henry, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—22.

No quorum voting.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending the adjournment being upon the motion of Mr. Killpatrick, to lay the resolution relative to the contested election in the Peoria District, on the table; and also, to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the subject,

The question was put, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Denny and Killpatrick—2.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Henry, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Mr. Sweat was excused from voting.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Massac, Denny, Henry and Killpatrick—4.

Mr. Sweat was excused from voting.

Mr. Denny offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of taxing improvements made on lands belonging to the General Government, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Wilcox offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish the Senate with fifteen maps of the State, with the census of 1845 placed in figures upon each county in the State, for the use of the Senate in making the apportionment,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution was taken up, and read, when

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The resolution was amended by striking out the word "fifteen," and inserting the words "forty-one at a cost not exceeding fifty cents each."

Mr. Henry moved to lay the resolution as amended on the table; and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the resolution as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The order of business was suspended, and

Mr. Judd, from the joint select committee on Rules, made a report, recommending the adoption of the joint rules of the last session; and also, the following, in addition thereto:

21. That whenever any message, bill, report or document, shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House, for the use of both Houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House, (as the case may be,) immediately to report the fact of the passage of said order to the other branch of the General Assembly, together with the number so ordered to be printed, in case it shall exceed the number ordered to be printed under the joint rules of both Houses:

Which report was concurred in,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Three hundred copies of the rules and joint rules were

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Catlin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to prevent the circulation of bank bills of a less denomination than ten dollars;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act appointing commissioners to make partition of the real estate of Stephen S. Collett, late of Vermilion county, Indiana, deceased;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title; and

Ordered to a third reading; and,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Kilpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish a State road from New Bedford to Pittsfield, in Pike county, and for other purposes;"

Which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Bassett & Taylor, of Beardstown, Illinois;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize district No. 1, township 35 north, range 10 east, to build a school house;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The petition of M. H. Demmond and others, praying for authority to build a school house, was taken from the table, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Davis of Massac, on leave introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the law in relation to the trial of the right of property by justices of the peace in this State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act defining the liabilities of the securities of Charles Kitchens, late agent of the internal improvement fund of Greene county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Finney, deceased;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Noble, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the forty ninth section of the law of this State, entitled, ELECTION;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sutphin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to define the law in relation to notes and depositions;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relocation of Van Buren street, in Wilson's addition to the town of Batavia;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The order of business was suspended, and the resolution contained in the message from the House of Representatives, for the appointment of a joint select committee for the purpose of fixing the time of holding courts in the third judicial circuit, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, Davis of Massac, and Stephenson, be the committee on the part of the Senate, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Markley moved that the Senate adjourn, which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion

The Senate adjourned to Saturday morning until ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a bill for "An act authorizing the Auditor to refund to the School Commissioner of Whiteside county, a certain amount of money therein specified;"

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill contained in the message from the House of Representatives was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution having for its object the election of an Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer, this day, at half past ten o'clock, A. M., as amended by the House.

The House amend, by striking out "half past ten o'clock," and inserting "three o'clock, P. M."

In which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the amendment made by the House of Representatives to the joint resolution of the Senate, relative to the time of election of certain officers, was taken up, read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Matteson presented the petition of John and Thomas Lonergan, for relief; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Sweat presented the petition of Philander Chase, praying for the passage of an act to incorporate Jubilee College, in Peoria county; which was read; and,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

Mr. Allison presented the petition of the Synod of the State of Illinois, relative to the penitentiary; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Allison,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Matteson presented a petition for the alteration of a road therein named; and, on his motion, the reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred "An act to incorporate the Madison and St. Clair Plank Road Company," reported the same back, with sundry amendments; which were concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Warren, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of John Pearson, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to refund money paid by John Pearson into the State treasury;" which report was laid on the table, and the bill read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the select committee, which had been instructed to examine the Governor's house, and to estimate the repairs requisite, etc. made a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the repairing of the Governor's house;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Webb, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the twenty-fourth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled "Conveyances;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The order of business was suspended, to enable him to make a report.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois."

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rules were dispensed with, and the bill read a first and second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Catlin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to distribute the School Fund;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Senate bills, on their third reading:

"An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847," was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The preamble was stricken out.

The question being then taken on the passage of the bill, as amended,

It was decided in the affirmative.

"An act to authorize the county commissioners' court of Mercer county to pay the recorder of said county for services rendered," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their passage.

"An act to make legal the assessment of all the taxable property in the county of Rock Island, for the year 1845," was read a third time.

On motion,

The preamble was stricken out, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act for the relief of George W. Cassedy," was read a third time.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to strike out the preamble of the bill, and

The question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The bill was referred to the committee on Finance, with instructions to report a bill that shall embrace all the legal claims before them upon the same subject.

Senate bills, on their second reading:

"An act for the relief of Justus Post," was read a second time.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to strike out the preamble of the bill, and

The question being then taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act concerning Wall street, in the town of Geneva," was read, and *Ordered* to be engrossed for a third reading.

"An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State," was read a second time.

Mr. Dougherty moved to refer the bill to a select committee of one from each congressional district.

Mr. Boal moved to lay the bill on the table.

The question being then taken on the motion to lay the bill on the table, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Morrison, Noble Reddick and Sutphin—16.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Stephenson, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—13.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, in writing, on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The same was acted upon with open doors, and was taken up, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, January 2, 1847.

To the Senate:

I nominate Nelson D. Jay, to be Public Administrator for the county of Richland.

Henry Stees, to be Notary Public for the county of Wabash.

George Rockwell, to be Notary Public for the county of Hancock.

Silas Ramsey, to be Notary Public and Public Administrator for the county of Marshall.

T. L. Breckenridge, to be Notary Public for the county of Winnebago.

Theodore Engleman, to be Notary Public for the county of St. Clair.

William G. Goforth, to be Public Administrator for the county of St. Clair.

Jacob Young, to be Public Administrator for the county of Lawrence.

James Kelly, to be Notary Public for the county of Richland.

Hugh Stuart, to be Public Administrator for the county of Wayne.

Matthias S. Link, to be Notary Public for the county of Greene.

John S. Fry, to be Public Administrator for the county of Greene.

E. M. Daley, to be Notary Public for the county of Jersey.

Abijah Rouley, to be Notary Public for the county of Will.

Clark H. Goodrich, to be Public Administrator for the county of Jersey.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The said nominations were severally advised and consented to.

"An act to prevent the circulation of bank bills of a less denomination than ten dollars," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House, to proceed to the election of an Auditor of Public Accounts and a State Treasurer;

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by Mr. Speaker, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the two Houses then proceeded to the election of an Auditor of Public Accounts and a State Treasurer.

Mr. Boyakin, of the House of Representatives, nominated THOMAS H. CAMPBELL, for Auditor of Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Huffinan, of the House of Representatives,

Thomas H Campbell was, by acclamation, elected Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Illinois, and so declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The two Houses then proceeded to the election of a State Treasurer.

Mr. Rutledge, of the House of Representatives, nominated MILTON CARPENTER for State Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Shumway, of the House of Representatives,

Milton Carpenter was, by acclamation, elected Treasurer of the State of Illinois, and so declared by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Whereupon,

The Senate retired to their chamber, and,

On motion,

Adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: In the House of Representatives this morning, the mournful intelligence of the death of the Hon. William Rhodes, a representative from the counties of Pope and Hardin, was announced by Mr. Marshall.

The House have adopted resolutions expressive of their regard for the deceased, and of their sympathy for his bereaved family. The House

have also appointed Messrs. Marshall, Johnston, Enloe, Denning, Eddy, Hodge, Stickney, Morris and Casey, a committee to act in conjunction with one from the Senate, to make suitable arrangements for the funeral of the deceased.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The order of business and the rules were suspended; when he, after an affecting and appropriate tribute to the many virtues of the deceased, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard, with pain, of the death of the Hon. William Rhodes, late a representative from the county of Pope, whose many good qualities endeared him to his acquaintances, and ensured him a large share of their confidence.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his wife and family in the irreparable loss which they have sustained in his death.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his widow.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to arrange the ceremonies of the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That in testimony of the high regard in which we held the deceased, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the Senate do now adjourn.

Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, Henry and Dennis, be appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from George R. Weber, relative to the Public Printing.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The reading of the communication was dispensed with, and the same

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Senate the petition of R. M. Young, relative to the sale of State Bonds; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Reddick presented the petition of Michael Kennedy; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reddick, McRoberts, Morrison, Boal and Henry, be such committee.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred a petition for the alteration of a road therein named, reported the same back, accompanied by a bill, entitled "An act for the re-location of a street therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered, to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the petition of Philander Chase, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate Jubilee College;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The bill was referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to make legal the assessment of all the taxable property in the county of Rock Island for the year 1845," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in,

And the bill read a third time, as amended, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The title of the bill was amended by striking out the words "for the year 1845," and adding the words, "and other counties."

Ordered, That the title to said bill be as amended, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred, with instructions, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George W. Casseday," reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment in the second section thereof,

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Was amended by striking out said section before the word "*also*," and inserting, "That the Auditor of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby, required to send a certificate under his seal of office, to the recorder of any county, in which any patent has been recorded for lands sold in error; and the recorder of such county is hereby requested to record said certificate, and endorse upon the same the time when it was recorded, and return it to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the amendment, as amended, be concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, be re-engrossed.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elijah D. Gage," reported the same back, and,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the petition of M. H. Demmond and others, together with a bill, entitled "An act to authorize district No. 1, township 35 north, range 10 east, to build a school house," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr Coudy offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the Governor communicate to the Senate the amount of personal property now remaining unsold, belonging to the State, where placed, what kind, and how much of each, as near as can be well ascertained, and whether some of it is not in a state of decay, or being wasted for want of attention.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Resolved, That the Senate Chamber be appropriated to the use of the Ladies of Springfield, on Thursday evening next, from three o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of giving a donation party.

Mr. Stephenson offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the eleventh and twelfth sections of the Estray Law, and report the same by bill or otherwise.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

Resolved, That that part of the Governor's Address to the General Assembly, which relates to the condition and necessities of the Insane, be referred to a select committee, to consist of one member from each congressional district, and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Messrs. Henry, McMillan, Wilcox, Allison, Stephenson and Catlin, be such committee.

Mr. Sweat offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That a joint select committee of nine be appointed on the part of the Senate and eighteen on the part of the House, whose duty it shall be to apportion the State into districts for the election of members to revise the Constitution of the State; and said committee be instructed on the part of the Senate to make the apportionment according to the census of 1845, and the number of members to consist of the same number that both branches of the General Assembly should consist of at this present session.

Mr. Leviston offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Whereas, there is in the hands of the assignee of the Bank of Illinois, a large amount of notes and judgments owned by a few individuals, which are drawing interest: *And whereas*, there exist doubts whether said notes and judgments come under the term "personal property," as defined by the third section of the 69th chapter of the Revised Statutes; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether the notes and judgments in the hands of the assignees of the Bank of Illinois, come under the term "personal property," as defined by

said law. and to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill so construing and defining the said law as to render said notes and judgments liable to be taxed.

Mr. McMillan offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on School Lands and Education, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the school laws as to give to a *majority* of the legal voters of any school district the power to levy a tax for school purposes.

Mr. Reddick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lovel Kimball;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Henry, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of Jacksonville;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to locate a State road in Kendall county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Orders of the day:

Bills, entitled

"An act for the relief of Basset & Taylor, of Beardstown, Illinois;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of George Finney, deceased;" and

"An act to refund money paid by John Pearson into the State Treasury,"

Were severally read a second time, and,

On motion,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Bills, entitled

"An act to amend the law in relation to the trial of the right of property by justices of the peace in this State;"

"An act to amend the forty-ninth section of the law of this State, entitled 'Election';" and

"An act to define the law in relation to notes and depositions,"

Were also severally read a second time, and,

On motion,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolutions contained in the message from the House of Representatives, received some days since, requesting the Governor to deface the

plate upon which certain internal improvement scrip was engraved, and also to cancel certain counterfeit scrip in the office of the Fund Commissioner, coming up, was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution offered by Mr. Coudy, requiring the committee on Retrenchment to inquire into the number and pay of the officers employed on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, coming up,

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The same was laid on the table.

The resolution offered by Mr. Davis of Massac, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the extent of the jurisdiction of the courts in the counties bounded by the Ohio river, was read and adopted.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Powers, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending certain portions of the Revised Statutes, and also instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to assault and battery, &c., coming up, were severally read and adopted.

The joint resolution offered by Mr. Coudy, for the appointment of a joint select committee to examine the revenue law; &c. also coming up, was read and adopted.

Ordered That Messrs. Coudy and Webb be such committee on the part of the Senate, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The resolution offered by Mr. Killpatrick, calling upon the Governor to communicate to the Senate a detail of the plan as mentioned in his Inaugural Address, for the regulating of the currency of the State, coming up, was read.

Mr. Judd moved to lay the resolution on the table, until the 4th day of July next.

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Denny, Edwards, Henry, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble and Webb—9.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The resolution offered by Mr. Denny, instructing the committee on Finance, to inquire into the expediency of taxing improvements made on lands belonging to the General Government, &c., coming up, was read and adopted.

The consideration of the orders of the day being finished,

Mr. Webb, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the twenty-fourth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled Conveyances," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, which had been instructed by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of so amending the road laws, as to require the citizens of incorporated towns to keep the roads in repair leading into said towns, reported the same back, and were discharged from further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the re-location of Van Buren Street in Wilson's addition to the town of Batavia," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; which was read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred a petition on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Nauvoo and Warsaw rail road company," which was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the 28th chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled County Treasurers and County Funds;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davis, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to define the practice in relation to fees of officers;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act concerning the redemption of lands sold for taxes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize Alonzo T. Phillips, to build a dam across Fox River, in the town of Batavia, in Kane county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Matteson, from the Committee on Finance, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of taxing improvements upon lands belonging to the General Government, reported the same back, and asked and obtained for the Committee, a discharge from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The resolution was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act providing for holding a special term of the circuit court in Massac county," as amended by the House;

In which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have passed bills of the following titles, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Conference Female Academy;"

"An act to fix the pay of County Commissioners;"

"An act to repeal certain laws that provide for the location of a certain State road in the county of Marion;" and

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespass, approved March 4, 1837,' and 'An act to amend an act to protect canal lands against trespass, approved February 26, 1839,' approved February 27, 1845;"

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have adopted the accompanying resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their exertions to procure an appropriation for the Cumberland Road in the State of Illinois;

In the adoption of which I am also directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Lyon & Howard, for the passage of a law authorizing the Governor to redeem certain Internal Improvement drafts, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to pay certain drafts held by Messrs. Lyon & Howard," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Resolved by the Senate, That the committee on the Judiciary, be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of reporting a bill which shall provide, that whenever a guardian of infant heirs, who may be entitled to moneys in the hands of administrators in this State, shall have filed with the Probate Justice of the Peace, of the proper county where administration has been had, duly certified copies of guardian bonds, and letters of guardianship, granted by the proper tribunal in any other State or territory of the Union, that the administrator or executor, as the case may be, shall be required when their administration is complete, to pay over to such guardian or guardians, said moneys so held by him or them.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and four, relative to 'trespass,'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis, of Massac, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Hardin County Mining Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the seventh section of the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revenue law, approved March 3, 1845," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading; and,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Stephenson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the registration of the colored population of this State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Illinois river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat, the rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick, the order of business was suspended, and Senate bill, entitled "An act for holding a special term of the Circuit Court in Massac county," was taken up for consideration, as amended by the House of Representatives, and read.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The bill and amendments were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the day, Senate bills on their third reading,

"An act to incorporate the Madison and St. Clair Plank Road Company," was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Ordered, That the title of said bill be amended, by inserting the words "and Rail," between the words "Plank" and "Road."

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as amended, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

"An act for the relief of George W. Casseday and others;"

"An act concerning Wall street in the town of Geneva;"

"An act for the re-location of Van Buren street, in Wilson's Addition to the town of Batavia," were severally read a third time and passed.

"An act for the re-location of a street therein named," was read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their passage.

Senate bills on their second reading:

"An act to incorporate the Nauvoo and Warsaw Rail Road Company,"

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock, was read a second time by its title, and the blanks in the first and seventh sections filled by the insertion of the following names: "Robert Miller, Abram Van Tuyl, H. R. Chittenden, Thomas Culder, William Baker, George Beckwell, William English, N. C. Pierce and Samuel Slocumb."

On the further motion of Mr. Davis, the word "two" was stricken out of the twelfth section, and "five" inserted in its place.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, be engrossed for a third reading.

"An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county," was read a second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Laid on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Miller, on leave, presented the petition of the Directors of the Rockford Hydraulic Company, for an extension of their charter.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Bills from the House of Representatives :

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Conference Female Academy;"

"An act to fix the pay of County Commissioners;" and

"An act to repeal certain laws that provide for the location of a certain State Road in the county of Marion," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

"An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the Canal lands against trespassers, approved March 4, 1837,' and 'An act to amend an act to protect the Canal lands against trespassers, approved February 26, 1839,' approved February 27, 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

The resolution contained in the message of the House of Representatives, instructing our Senators, &c. in relation to the Cumberland Road, was taken up, read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution offered by Mr. Coudy, requesting the Governor to communicate to the Senate upon the subject of personal property belonging to the State, coming up, was read and adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. Stephenson, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending the eleventh and twelfth sections of the Estray law, also coming up, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The vote taken on the adoption of the resolution was reconsidered, and,

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, the resolution was

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Stephenson, Allen and Coudy, be that committee.

The preamble and resolutions offered by Mr. Leviston, instructing the committee on Finance to inquire relative to the notes and judgments in the hands of the assignees of the Bank of Illinois, &c. also coming up, was read and adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. McMillan, instructing the committee on School Lands and Education, to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws, as to give to a majority of the legal voters of any district [the power] to levy a tax for school purposes, also coming up, was read and adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. Sweat, for the appointment of a joint select committee for the purpose of apportioning the State into districts, &c. also coming up, was read.

Mr. Warren moved to strike out all after the word "herein," and insert "That said Convention consist of as many members as there are now in the General Assembly; to be chosen in the same manner, at the same place, by the same electors, and from the districts that form the present General Assembly."

Mr. Markle moved to refer the resolution and amendment to the committee on the Judiciary;

Mr. Leviston moved to amend the motion to refer to the committee, by adding, "That said committee be instructed to inquire into, and report to the Senate what action of the Legislature is now requisite to carry out the provision of the 7th article of the Constitution of this State;" which was agreed to.

The question being then taken upon the motion as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate Jubilee College," reported the same back with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill *Ordered* to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Webb offered for adoption the following resolution, and the rule having been dispensed with, the same was considered:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, it is inexpedient at the present session of the General Assembly to create any new counties.

Mr. Dougherty moved to lay the resolution on the table, and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Henry, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Reddick, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—17.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Henry, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Reddick, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—16.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—14.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Resolved, That the committee on Incorporations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing "An act to incorporate the St. Clair Rail Road Company, approved February 26, 1841."

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,
Mr. Boal offered for adoption the following resolution, which was read and considered:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein,
That no new business be received after the 20th instant, and that this General Assembly adjourn, *sine die*, on the first Monday in February next.

Mr. Henry moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Henry, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Judd, Leviston, Morrison and Stephenson—12.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hale.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled,

“An Act to transcribe certain records in Greene county,”

In which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Davis of Massac, presented the petition of 24 citizens of Hardin county, praying an enlargement of said county, by attaching part of Gallatin thereto; also, the petition of 72 citizens of Gallatin, residing in the territory proposed to be attached, containing a similar prayer.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petitions

Referred to the committee on Petitions.

Mr. Sweat presented the petition of Norman How and 103 other citizens of Peoria county, praying for amendments to the Lien law.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of more than 50 citizens of Winnebago county, praying the Legislature to make such provisions in the State Penitentiary, as shall facilitate the regular religious instruction of the convicts thereof on the Sabbath, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Miller, the petition was

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Hardin county Mining Company," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; and the bill, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid; and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to refund money paid by John Pearson into the State Treasury," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Noble, Sutphin and Webb—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Stephenson, Sweat and Warren—16.

Mr. Judd moved to amend the bill by adding the following:

"SEC. 2. That the Auditor of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby authorized to refund to Justin Butterfield, J. Young Scammon and James H. Collins, the several sums of money, with interest, paid by them under fines arbitrarily imposed upon them by the said John Pearson, when in the faithful and proper discharge of their duties."

Mr. Warren moved to lay the amendment on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Stephenson, Sweat, and Warren—17.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Noble, Sutphin and Webb—13.

And the question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Noble, Sutphin and Webb—13.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate Jubilee College," was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the redemption of land sold for taxes," reported the same back with an amendment, consisting of an additional section, which was concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to authorize the building of two bridges across Fever river, in the city of Galena;"

"An act for the re-location of a street therein named;"

"An act concerning Wall street in the town of Geneva;" and

"An act appointing commissioners to make partition of the real estate of Stephen S. Collett, deceased."

The House have also concurred with the Senate in the adoption of a resolution, providing for the appointment of a joint select committee to examine the Revenue Law, &c. Messrs. Hick, Thomas of Morgan, and Little of Will, are appointed the committee on the part of the House.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution, herewith communicated, asking Congress to donate land to townships, to aid in establishing libraries, &c.

They have also adopted the accompanying preamble and resolutions, relative to the improvement of the navigation of the Great Wabash river; in the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The order of business was suspended, and the following preamble and resolution was offered by him for adoption:

Whereas the late sudden and extreme change in the weather has found many of the inhabitants of Springfield, without the fuel necessary to their comfort; And, *whereas*, it is known that that indispensable article cannot (owing to the state of the roads,) be procured for less than three or four times the value thereof in ordinary seasons and weather, and that sufficient quantities cannot be obtained to supply the demands, even at those exorbitant prices; And, *whereas*, it is evident under the circumstances, that the widow and the fatherless will be the chief sufferers; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly, That the Secretary of State deliver to the Mayor of the city of Springfield, and William P. Grimsley, Samuel S. Brooks and Enos M. Hinkle, eight cords of wood, to be distributed by the aforesaid persons among the destitute widows and orphans in Springfield, so as to prevent suffering as far as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the preamble and resolution taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Killpatrick presented the memorial of the Common School Convention of the State of Illinois, for sundry alterations in the school law of Illinois, etc. which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. McMillan presented the petition and remonstrance of citizens of Henderson county, upon the subject of a removal of the county seat from Oquawka.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The reading was dispensed with, and

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Noble presented the petition of John Dixon and others, asking the Legislature to instruct our Senators and request our Representatives in Congress, to pass a law granting to the State a quantity of land to aid her in the completion of the Northern Cross and Central Rail Roads; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Aurora, Kane county, to abolish capital punishment, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Denny presented the petition of Ozias Marsh and twenty others, inhabitants of the State of Illinois, requesting and instructing the General Assembly to repeal all laws now in force, making a distinction among our people on account of color, which was read.

Mr. Denny moved to refer the petition to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Markley moved to lay the petition on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question being then put upon the motion to lay on the table until the fourth day of July next, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Leviston, Markley, Stephenson and Sutphin—11.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—25.

Mr. Markley moved to instruct the committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report, "That it is inexpedient, improper, and against the best interests of the people, to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and against the spirit and genius of our Government."

Mr. Miller moved to lay the instructions on the table, and the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Constable, Denny, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Smith, Webb and Wilcox.—14.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—22.

Mr. Gillespie moved to amend the instructions, by striking out the words "and against the spirit and genius of our Government."

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Webb and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—18.

The Speaker declined voting.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representative have concurred with the Senate in the adoption of their preamble and resolution, authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish a quantity of wood to the Mayor and others, of Springfield, for distribution among those who are in need of, and unable to procure that indispensable article at this inclement season.

A division being called for,

The question being first taken on referring the petition to the committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—14.

The question being then taken on the motion to instruct the committee, it was decided in the affirmative.

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Smith, Webb and Wilcox—17.

Mr. McMillan presented the petition of William Perkins and others, praying for some provision for moral and religious instruction for the inmates of the State Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Sanger presented the remonstrance 1490 citizens of Joe Daviess county, against the division of said county.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The reading was dispensed with, and the remonstrance

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. McMillan presented the petition of William Nash and others, praying that the 85th section of the school laws may be so amended as to give to a majority of the legal voters of school districts the power to raise a tax for school purposes; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. McMillan, the petition was

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled

"An act for the relief of Lovel Kimball," reported the same back with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The amendment was amended, by striking out the words "and required." The amendment as amended, was concurred in, and

The bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Henry, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled

"An act for the relief of the inhabitants of Jacksonville," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute for the bill.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment, being on concurring with the committee on Finance, in the amendment reported by them to the bill, entitled,

"An act for the relief of the inhabitants of Jacksonville;"

Said amendment was concurred in.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Harson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sweat and Webb—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Gillespie, Leviston, Markley, Reddick, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—13.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Resolved, That the Governor communicate to the Senate, at his earliest convenience, whether in his opinion there exists any reason or necessity why the office of Fund Commissioner should be continued; and if said office should be continued, whether the office of Secretary of the Fund Commissioner may not be dispensed with.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill, making it the duty of any Judge of Probate, when he shall ascertain that there is real estate in his county belonging to any non-resident minor heir or heirs, to appoint some discreet person to take charge of said real estate, as guardian of the same.

Mr. Gillespie offered for adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That there be presented, in behalf of this State, a sword to Lieutenant John Pope, as a testimonial of the high estimation, in which are held his gallant conduct, noble bearing and important services in the battle of Monterey, where he honored this, the land of his birth, and shed a lustre on the arms of his country, proving himself to be a soldier, brave and patriotic, and by carrying off the field, while exposed to the most imminent danger, amidst showers of balls, covering him with dust, a wounded fellow officer, to be a man, feeling and humane.

Resolved, That there be also presented a sword to Lieutenant Mason Scarritt, as a testimonial of the high estimation in which are held his gal-

lant and noble bearing in the same battle, where he honored this State in which he was raised, and shed lustre on the arms of his country, proving himself to be a soldier both brave and patriotic.

Resolved, That the Governor procure two swords, with suitable devices, and present one to Lieutenant John Pope, and the other to Lieutenant Mason Scarritt.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolutions taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their adoption.

Mr. Warren, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act to apportion representatives in the Convention for amending the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and to fix the time of holding said Convention;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act to provide for the holding of a Convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and to apportion the representation in said Convention;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act to provide for the call of a Convention;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act to fund State scrip;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act authorizing William H. Gilman to vacate Whitney's Addition to Belvidere, in Boon county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, that the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Edwards, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act making appropriations for the completion of the State House;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled

"An act to provide for forfeited recognizances;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Allison, on leave, offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to examine the Revenue law, and so amend the 105th and 6th sections of said law, as more effectually to prevent sheriffs or collectors from speculating in Auditor's warrants for the purpose of paying State revenue.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution taken up, read, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled

"An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county," was taken from the table, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Boal, Leviston and Brown, be such committee.

Orders of the day.

Senate bills on their third reading,

"An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois," was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Referred to a committee of the Whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

"An act to incorporate the Nauvoo and Warsaw Rail Road Company,"

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

Was read a third time by its title, and the same was then passed.

"An act for the relief of Lovel Kimball," was read a third time and passed.

"An act to refund money paid by John Pearson into the Treasury," was read a third time.

The question being taken, "shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—19.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Noble, Smith and Webb—17.

"An act concerning the redemption of land sold for taxes," was read a third time, and

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Senate bills on their second reading :

"An act to authorize the Governor to pay certain drafts held by Messrs. Lyon and Howard," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

House bills on their second reading:

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Female Conference Seminary," was read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

"An act to fix the pay of County Commissioners," was read a second time.

Mr. Catlin, moved to amend the title by striking out the words "fifty cents."

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

"An act to repeal certain laws that provide for the location of a State road in the county of Marion," was read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to transcribe certain records in Greene county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

The preamble and resolutions contained in the message from the House of Representatives relative to the improvement of the Great Wabash river, were taken up, read, and

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Laid on the table.

The House resolution asking Congress to donate land to townships, to aid in establishing libraries, was taken up, read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of Edward B. Tinney, of Tazewell county, praying for relief, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Judd presented the petition of F. Bascom and others, asking to have proper moral and religious instructions given to the inmates of the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The reading of the petition was dispensed with, and

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of 80 citizens of Rockton, Winnebago county, together with the proceedings and resolutions of a public meeting of the citizens of said town, for securing the free and uninterrupted navigation of Rock river.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The reading of the same was dispensed with, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Killpatrick presented the memorial of Miss Dix, on the subject of the Insane.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The reading of the memorial was dispensed with, the same

Laid on the table, and two thousand copies

Ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to transcribe certain records in Greene county," reported the same back with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, (with amendments made by the House of Representatives,) entitled,

"An act providing for holding a special term of the circuit court in Massac county," made a report, that, "having had the same under consideration, the committee had directed him to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments of the House to sections seven and eight of the bill, and not to concur in any of the other amendments of the House to the bill."

Mr. Killpatrick called for a division of the question, so that the vote might be first taken on concurring with the committee on the Judiciary in that part of their report, proposing to concur with the House of Representatives, in amendments to sections seven and eight.

The two branches of the report were then severally concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the action of the Senate thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to authorize District, No. 1, township 35 north, range 10 east, to build a school house;" and

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Mercer county, to pay the Recorder of said county for services rendered."

The House have passed bills, entitled

"An act for the relief of Charles W. Dodd;"

"An act to authorize John Wood to lay out a part of the north west quarter of section 11, township 2 south, range 9 west, as a burying ground, and to convey the same, or a part thereof, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Quincy, on terms to be mutually agreed upon between the parties;"

"An act to authorize the county of Pulaski to borrow money;"

"An act in relation to the records of Kendall county;"

"An act to incorporate a Literary and Theological Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Far West, to be located in Hillsboro', Montgomery county, Illinois;"

"An act in relation to the assessment of taxes in St. Clair county;"

"An act to incorporate Quincy Lodge, No. 12, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the city of Quincy;"

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased," and

"An act concerning the assessment of property, and for the relief of the sheriff of Richland county;"

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Dougherty offered for adoption the following resolution, which under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of taxing the public lands in this State, claimed by the United States, and report their opinion upon the same, at their earliest

convenience to the Senate. That, if the committee are of opinion that the State of Illinois may rightfully tax the said lands, they also report a bill for that purpose.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Allison,

Resolved, That the committee on School Lands and Education, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the ninth section of the school law, so as to authorize School Commissioners to pay out of the interest received for the sale of school lands, the necessary expenses of surveying, platting and laying off the same.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Resolved. That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Senate with a full statement of all the fees received into his office during the past year, independent of his salary; also, the amount of services actually required to perform the duties of said office, and whether the duties of said office can be performed by himself independent of a Clerk, so as at all times to accommodate the people of the State of Illinois, who may wish to do business at his office, and if further assistance is necessary, whether the salary now allowed to him will be adequate to the procuring such service.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred the bill, entitled

"An act making appropriations for the completion of the State House," on leave, reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

The question being then taken, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Webb and Wilcox—26.

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, McMillan, Markley, Sweat and Warren—9.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives desire the concurrence of the Senate, in the passage of a bill for

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Retreat for the Insane."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of citizens of Ogle county, praying the Legislature to make provisions in the State Penitentiary, to facilitate the regular religious instruction of the convicts thereof, on the Sabbath.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition was

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, at his earliest convenience, all the information within his power, that will enable the Senate to ascertain with some degree of certainty, the actual indebtedness of the State of Illinois; also, his plan, (if any) for funding the same.

Mr. Warren moved a call of the Senate, which, having proceeded for some time, on his motion, was dispensed with.

The Senate, according to special order, resolved itself into a committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois;"

Mr. Killpatrick in the chair;

And having considered the said bill for some time, the committee rose, and reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment.

The bill was then read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Webb, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change the time of holding circuit courts in the county of Wayne;" which was read, and the bill,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Allen, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Roads;'" which was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the law in relation to common schools, approved February 26, 1846;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Warren moved to instruct said committee, to so change the school law, that the employers of teachers may employ any teacher they may choose; and that said committee so amend the 12th section of the school law, as to cause teachers to procure a certificate of qualification, and leave it optional with trustees to employ them or not;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Henry, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—16.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sweat and Wilcox—18.

Mr. Webb, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the ninety first chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Right of Property,'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The order of business was suspended, and the communication from the Governor, taken up, and read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Springfield, January 11, 1847.

To the Senate:

I have to inform the Senate that a vacancy has occurred in the office of associate justice of the Supreme Court for the third Judicial Circuit, occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Walter B. Scates.

AUG. C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The communication was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The order of business was suspended, and he, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Illinois river," reported the same back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of George Finney, deceased," under the continued suspension of the order of business, reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of a bill entitled, "An act for the re-location of Van Buren street, in Wilson's Addition to the town of Batavia."

The House have directed the printing of 200 copies of the report of the joint select committee, appointed to visit and examine the Illinois Asylum for the education of the deaf and dumb, together with the report of the President and Directors of that institution, and the documents accompanying the same, and eight hundred copies of said reports, without the documents, for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Judd presented the petition of G. G. Andrew and others, asking that colored persons may be allowed to give testimony in suits at law.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The reading of the petition was dispensed with, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of the citizens of Pecatonica, in the county of Winnebago, praying the Legislature to change the name of said town to that of Rockton.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The reading of the petition was dispensed with, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school law, as to make it the duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts to distribute the school, college and seminary fund, according to the biennial abstracts furnished by school directors, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the same committee, to which was referred the communication of the Governor, relative to the school fund, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The communication was laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to distribute the school fund," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act concerning common schools;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the twelfth section of the ninety-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Constable, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to punish seduction and to afford a more adequate civil remedy for the injury;" which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McMillan, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the one hundred and ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The same was referred to the joint select committee appointed to examine the revenue laws.

Mr. Constable, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act relating to the qualification of certain officers therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Constable, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and eight of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Constable, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and eight of the Revised Statutes," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Constable, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Mount Carmel, in Wabash county;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the seventh section of the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, offered for adoption the following resolution, and the rule having been dispensed, without objection, the resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the committee on School Lands and Education in the Senate, and the committee on Education in the House, be requested to confer together, and embody in one law, all the changes necessary to be made in our school laws.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its adoption.

Orders of the day.

Senate bills on their second reading:

"An act to find State scrip," was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

"An act to amend chapter ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Roads,'" was read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Finney, deceased having on yesterday been amended, and the Senate having adjourned pending the question of ordering the same to be engrossed as amended, that question was put, and decided in the affirmative.

House bills, on first reading:

"An act to authorize John Wood to lay out a part of the north west quarter of section 11, T. 2, S. R. 9, W., as a burying ground, and to convey the same, or a part thereof, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Quincy, on terms to be mutually agreed upon between the parties;"

"An act for the relief of Charles W. Dodd;" and

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased;" were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading, and

On motion,

The same were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act to authorize the county of Pulaski to borrow money," was read and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate therein.

"An act in relation to the records of Kendall county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Counties.

"An act concerning the assessment of property, and for the relief of the sheriff of Richland county," and

"An act in relation to assessment of taxes in St. Clair county," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

The rule was dispensed with, and the same read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Retreat for the Insane,"

On motion of Mr. Henry,

Was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee of nine, being one from each Judicial Circuit.

Ordered, that Messrs. Constable, Davis of Massac, Morrison, Henry, Smith, Noble, Edwards, Matteson and Sweat, be such committee.

"An act to incorporate Quincy Lodge, No. 12, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the city of Quincy," and

"An act to incorporate a Literary and Theological Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran church, of the Far West, to be located in Hillsboro', Montgomery county, Illinois," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the same read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

House bill, entitled

"An act to transcribe certain records in Greene county," as amended, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The title was amended, by inserting "Will and Pulaski," between the words "Greene" and "County," and making it read "counties" instead of "county."

Ordered that the title be as amended, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the supervisors of the town of Winchester," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

The resolution offered for adoption by Mr. Dougherty, instructing the committee on the Judiciary, to inquire into the propriety of taxing the lands in this State, claimed by the United States, coming up, was read, and adopted.

Mr. Boal, on leave, from the Select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage; and the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Constable, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to punish seduction and to afford a more

adequate civil remedy," reported the same back, with amendments; which amendments were concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Sutphin, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to extend the jurisdiction of the supervisor of the town of Winchester," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred House bills, entitled

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased;"

"An act to authorize John Wood to lay out a part of the north west quarter of section eleven, range two south, nine west, as a burying ground, and to convey the same or any part thereof, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Quincy, on terms to be mutually agreed upon between the parties;" and

"An act for the relief of Charles W. Dodd," reported the same back, without amendment; and the bills were severally

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which were referred Senate bills, entitled

"An act relating to the qualification of certain officers therein named," and

"An act to amend chapter one hundred and eight of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, without amendment; and said bills were severally

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a petition of Edward B. Tinney for relief, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward B. Tinney;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Noble, from the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter ninety-three of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Roads,'" reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to amend the bill, by adding:

"*Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not be so construed as to prevent County Commissioners' Courts, at their option, from assessing road tax, and being governed, in all respects, by the law on roads, approved March 3, 1845, or "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act concerning public roads,' approved February 28, 1845."

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The bill and proposed amendment were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives desire the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the accompanying bills, entitled

"An act to amend an act in relation to the State Library;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jasper county to borrow money, and for other purposes;" and

"An act to authorize the county of Alexander to borrow money."

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the seventh section of the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revenue law, approved March 3, 1845," reported the same back without amendment, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the petition of John and Thomas Lonergan, for relief, made a report, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Pecatonica, in the county of Winnebago, praying for an act to change the name of said town to that of Rockton, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act in relation to the town of Pecatonica, in the county of Winnebago, and to change the name thereof to Rockton;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Matteson, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to pay certain drafts held by Messrs. Lyon and Howard," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize Alonzo T. Phillips to build a dam across Fox river, in the town of Batavia, in Kane county," reported the same back without amendment, and the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on Corporations, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to incorporate Quincy Lodge, No. 12,

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the city of Quincy," reported the same back without amendment, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Richard M. Young, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to refund money paid by R. M. Young for this State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to pay certain drafts, held by Messrs. Lyon and Howard," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a Literary and Theological Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Far West, to be located in Hillsborough, Montgomery county, Illinois," reported the same back, without amendment; and the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Reddick, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of Michael Kennedy, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Kennedy;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act concerning the assessment of property, and for the relief of the sheriff of Richland county, for the year 1846," on leave, reported the same back, with amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The order of business was suspended, and the rule having been dispen-

sed with, without objection, the following resolution, offered by him, was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the State Temperance Convention have the use of the Senate Chamber, this evening, and that the State Education Society have the use of the Chamber, after the adjournment, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills as correctly enrolled, and presented this day to the Council of Revision :

"An act appointing commissioners to make partition of the real estate of Stephen S. Collett, late of Vermilion county, Indiana, deceased;"

"An act to authorize district No. 1, T. 35 N. R. 11 E., to build a school house;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Mercer county to pay the recorder of said county for services rendered;"

"An act to authorize the building of two bridges across Fever river, in the city of Galena;"

"An act for the re-location of a street therein named;"

"An act concerning Wall street in the town of Geneva."

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to report to the Senate the result of the sale of lands forfeited to the State, for the non-payment of taxes in the several counties of this State; also, whether there was any law authorizing him to pay clerks for making computation of taxes and interest due upon said land for the number of years upon which taxes remained due and unpaid; and whether any county in the State, in selling such lands, have received from such sale, and paid into the State Treasury more than the amount due the State for taxes in arrear upon the land sold; if so, to state the amount.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

Mr. Constable offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That a joint select committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, be raised, to examine into the claim of Michael Kennedy, with power to send for persons and papers, and swear witnesses.

Which was read and adopted.

Ordered That Messrs. Constable, McRoberts and Reddick, be such committee on the part of the Senate, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the adoption of the said resolution.

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to lay before the Senate a communication from the Governor, in writing.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to incorporate the Hardin County Mining Company."

The House have ordered the printing of 300 copies of the Senate bill, for "An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois."

Mr. Reddick offered for adoption the following resolutions, which, under the rule, lie one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Auditor to settle with collectors, according to the 108th section of the revenue act, paying collectors for travelling twice, where the same has been done; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to compensate clerks of the County Commissioners' Courts, for services rendered the State, in preparing lists of land for the State tax sales, in 1845, by request of the Auditor of the State.

Mr. Powers offered for adoption the following resolutions, which, under the rule, lie one day on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 32, of chapter 89 of the Revised Laws, by striking out or repealing the words "at his or her usual place of residence."

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the first division of chapter 25, of the Revised Laws, as to provide for the election of a town magistrate, and define his duties.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to build a bridge across Des Plaines river, in the town of Joliet;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, that the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Sutphin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pike county to pay the recorder of said

county for making an index to the record books of his office;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the day;

The bill, entitled "An act to punish seduction, and to afford a more adequate civil remedy for the injury," was read a third time.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to amend the same, by adding the following, as an additional section:

"Sec. —. That in all trials for the offence provided for in the first section of this act, the accused shall not be liable to conviction, if the jury trying said cause shall be satisfied, from the evidence of the party seduced, or from other evidence, circumstantial or positive, that the said party complaining was in the habit of being or had been seduced by any other person than the party of whom she complains."

Mr. Henry moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table until the fourth day of July next.

Mr. Constable called for a division of the question.

The question being first taken on laying the amendment on the table until the fourth day of July next, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Noble, Powers, Smith and Webb—14.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—21.

The question being then taken on laying the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Henry, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Sanger, Sweat and Warren—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Cavarly, Constable, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Webb—17.

House bill, entitled "An act to authorize John Wood to lay out a part of the north west quarter of section eleven; two south, nine west, as a burying ground, and to convey the same, or a part thereof, to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Quincy, on terms to be mutually agreed upon between the parties," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Boal moved to reconsider the vote taken on laying on the table until the fourth day of July next, the bill, entitled "An act to punish seduction, and to afford a more adequate civil remedy for the injury."

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Webb and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Henry, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Sweat and Warren—13.

Mr. Henry withdrew his motion to lay the bill and amendment on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Davis of Hancock, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—12.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Webb and Wilcox—25.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The following was added to the bill:

"Sec. 3. That the provisions of this law shall not apply to cases where the seduced and the seducer will and do intermarry, in conformity with the laws of this State, before final judgment is rendered."

Mr. Warren moved that the Senate adjourn.

The question being taken thereon,
It was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Hale.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to incorporate Jubilee College."

Mr. Reddick asked leave to be excused from serving upon the joint select committee, to which was referred the petition and claim of Michael Kennedy, which was granted.

Ordered that Mr. Cavarly be appointed in his place.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a written communication from the

Governor, in reply to a resolution, requesting him to communicate to the Senate, whether, "in his opinion, there exists any reason or necessity why the office of Fund Commissioner should be continued," &c.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The communication was

Referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a written communication from the Secretary of State, in answer to the resolution, requesting him to communicate to the Senate the amount of fees received by the Secretary of State within the last year, exclusive of his salary, &c.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marshall county, praying the Legislature to make provision for the moral and religious instruction of the convicts in the State Penitentiary, and

On his motion the reading was dispensed with

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Killpatrick presented resolutions which were adopted at a meeting of the citizens of Cass county, relative to the common school law, and

On his motion, their reading was dispensed with, and the resolutions

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of one hundred and seventeen citizens of Winnebago, Ogle and La Salle counties, praying for State road from Rockford to Ottawa, and

On his motion, the reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Coudy from the joint select committee, appointed to examine the Revenue Law, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the one hundred and ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The bill was

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of Massac, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Henry M. Waters, praying for authority to sell and convey real estate, reported a bill, entitled "An act to empower Henry M. Waters to sell and convey certain real estate," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Noble, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the petition of John Dixon and others, asking the Legislature to instruct our Senators, &c. reported the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of a bill similar to one introduced by the Hon. S. Breese, at the last session of Congress, granting to the State of Illinois, a quantity of land, to aid her in the completion of the Northern Cross and Central Rail Roads.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled,

Joint resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their exertions for the passage of a law, at the present session, for the Improvement of the Mississippi river, and the Lake Harbors;

Joint resolution concerning pensions to persons employed in the ranging service;

Preamble and resolutions instructing Senators, &c. in Congress, on the subject of the graduation or cession of the public lands;

And have this day laid the same before the Governor.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward B. Tinney," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Stephenson, from the select committee, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law as to tax lands according to their true value, without fixing any minimum price, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend the tenth section of the eighty-ninth chapter of Revised Laws;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of a law for the holding of an annual term of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States at Chicago, in the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of their adoption, and ask their concurrence therein.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein,
That the Senate will meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Saturday the 16th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing an associate justice of the Supreme Court of this State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Walter B. Scates, and also a State's Attorney for the third Judicial Circuit.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the adoption of said resolution, and ask their concurrence therein.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing section 38, of chapter 27 of the Revised Laws, so as to prevent collision with the provisions of section 7 of chapter 99 of the Revised Laws, and that they report by bill or otherwise.]

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled, and that the same had been this day laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act to incorporate the Hardin County Mining Company," and

"An act for the re-location of Van Buren street, in Wilson's Addition to the town of Batavia."

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

Orders of the day:

Senate bill, entitled "An act to punish seduction, and to afford a more adequate civil remedy for the injury," as amended, being under consideration.

And the question recurring, "Shall the bill pass?" it was put, and decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harrison, Judd, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Stephenson, Webb and Wilcox—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Henry, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—21.

Bills entitled:

"An act to amend chapter one hundred and eighth of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of the supervisor of the town of Winchester;"

"An act to authorize Alonzo T. Phillips to build a dam across Fox river, in the town of Batavia, in Kane county;"

"An act to amend the seventh section of the eighty-ninth chapter of the revenue law, approved March 3d, 1845;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of George Finney, deceased;" and

"An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county," were rever ally read a third time, and passed.

The bill, entitled "An act to refund money paid by R. M. Young, to the State," was read a third time,

And the question being taken, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—33.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Dennis, Stephenson and Warren—4.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of Jacksonville," was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The title thereof was amended, by making it read: "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of incorporated towns."

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as amended, and that of the others also passed, be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of their passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Wilcox moved that the Senate adjourn to 2 o'clock,
Which was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the Senate, a communication from the Governor, in reply to a resolution respecting property belonging to the State; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of Benjamin Lombard, praying for a charter to keep a ferry across the Illinois river, at the town of Henry, in Marshall county; and

On his motion, the reading was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Sanger presented the petition of 129 citizens of Galena, for the passage of a law exempting firemen from serving as jurors; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sanger, Sweat and Gillespie, be such committee.

Mr. Sanger presented the remonstrance of 461 citizens of Jo Daviess county, against the division of said county, and

On his motion, the reading was dispensed with, and the remonstrance was referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Powers presented the petition of sundry citizens of Macon county, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the Sangamon river; which was read, and, on his motion,

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marshall county, in relation to the moral and religious instruction of the convicts in the State penitentiary; and

On his motion, the reading was dispensed with, and referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on counties, to which was referred the petition of Lambert Hopper and others, for the removal of the county seat of Henderson county from Oquaka, and also the remonstrance of S. S. Phillips and others, against such removal, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The petition and remonstrance were laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Right of Way,'" reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the twenty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'County Treasurers and County Funds,'" reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Stephenson, from the select committee, to which was referred the resolution instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending the estray laws, and which had been reported back by the Judiciary committee, and they discharged therefrom, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend the estray law, approved March 3, 1845;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Henry,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, on leave, from the Judiciary committee, which had been instructed, by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to authorize the recording of patents for lands sold by the State, &c., re-

ported a bill, entitled "An act for recording patents;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate Mount Carmel, in Wabash county,'" reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Powers offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending sections 44 and 47, of chapter 59, of the Revised Laws, in relation to trial by jury, as that the provisions of said sections shall not conflict, and to authorize trial by jury in all cases.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize Adam Hine to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, between Motebello and Warsaw, opposite Keokuck;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Habeas Corpus,'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter 105, of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Venue,'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the School Trustees of T. 13, N., R. 10, E. of the third principal meridian, to establish a ferry across the Illinois river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Constable;

The memorial of Miss Dix was taken from the table, and referred to the select committee of nine, to which was referred the bill relative to providing a retreat for the Insane.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish a

ferry across the Illinois river, at Henry, in Marshall county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading:

"An act relating to the qualification of certain officers therein named," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives desire the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to amend the 132d section of the chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1845, in regard to Wills."

"An act for the relief of Edward B. Tinney," was read the third time; and the question being taken—Shall the bill pass? it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. McRoberts moved that the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The order of business was suspended, and the resolutions offered by him, instructing the committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to compensate clerks of the County Commissioners' Courts for services in selling lands forfeited to the State for taxes, and also instructing the same committee to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to pay collectors for travelling to the seat of government to settle for collections made by them, were severally taken up, read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The order of business was further suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties of this State," was taken from the table, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills, entitled "An act to amend the 28th chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'County Treasurers and County Funds,'" and

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate Mount Carmel, in Wabash county,'" were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of their passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The order of business was suspended, and the following preamble and resolution offered by him for adoption:

WHEREAS, it appears that Edward Bonney has performed services and expended money, by request of and under a requisition of the late Governor, for the arrest of the notorious William Fox, accused of the murder of Col. Davenport: *And whereas*, in consequence of a blank being left in the requisition for the name of the State where Fox might be found, his Excellency, the present Governor, doubts his power to make any allowance of said claim: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That it be recommended to the Governor to audit and settle the claim of said Bonney, for services and expenses, as aforesaid, and pay so much of it as he may deem reasonable and just, out of the proper funds already appropriated for such purposes, the same as if the blanks in said requisition had been filled up.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the preamble and resolution were taken up and read.

Mr. Henry moved to refer the same to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to lay the same on the table.

The question being taken on laying on the table, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Judd, Killpatrick, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sutphin and Sweat—16.

Mr. Cavarly moved a call of the Senate; which, having proceeded for a time,

Mr. McRoberts moved to dispense with the call.

The question being taken, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to adjourn.

The question then being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The question being then taken on referring the preamble and resolution to the committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Henry, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin and Sweat—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Hanson, Judd, Markley, Morrison, Smith and Warren—12.

Senate bill, entitled "An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pike county to pay the recorder of said county for making an index to the record books of his office," was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The bill was amended, by adding, "This act to be applicable to the county of Will."

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The bill was referred to a select committee, with instructions to report a general law on the subject involved in said bill.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sutphin, Cavarly, and Davis of Hancock, be such committee.

House bills on their third reading:

"An act concerning the assessment of property, and for the relief of the sheriff of Richland county, for A. D., 1846," was read a third time, as amended, and passed;

"An act for the relief of Charles W. Dodd;"

"An act to incorporate Quincy Lodge, No. 12, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the city of Quincy," and

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased,"

Were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

Bills from the House of Representatives on their first reading:

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jasper county to borrow money, and for other purposes," and

"An act to authorize the county of Alexander to borrow money," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to third reading.

"An act to amend an act in relation to the State Library," and

"An act to amend the 132d section of the chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1845, in regard to Wills," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Powers, instructing the committees on the Judiciary and Finance, relative to the expediency of amending certain sections of the Revised Statutes, coming up, were severally read and adopted.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved to adjourn.

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned, until half past one o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in reply to a resolution of the Senate, relative to the sale of lands, forfeited to the State, and sold September, 1845; and, also, relating to compensation of clerks for services rendered therein; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, entitled Habeas Corpus," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage, and the bill, was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for forfeited recognizances," reported the same back, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The amendment was amended, by adding "If both counties have incurred expenses and cost, then those expenses and costs are to be paid pro rata out of such fines and forfeitures," and the amendment as amended, was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill as amended, be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, entitled Roads," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—31.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Markley, Noble and Powers—6.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of a bill for "An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847," as amended by them; in which amendment, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have also concurred with the Senate, in the adoption of their resolutions providing for appointment of a joint select committee to report a bill to apportion the representation in the General Assembly.

Messrs. Boyakin, Hodges, Morton, Fry, Funkhouser, D'Wolf, Hays, Archer, Morris, Little of Fulton, Kretsinger, Cross, Little of Will, Sherman, Logan of Sangamon, Shumway, Cockle and Dana, are the committee on the part of the House.

The House have passed a bill, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate, entitled "An act to confer certain rights on Mary Ann Hick, and the heirs at law of William Hick, deceased."

The House have adopted the accompanying preamble and resolution, instructing the Attorney General to bring suit against the representatives and securities of W. L. D. Ewing, deceased, late Auditor of Public Accounts; in the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have ordered the printing of 3000 copies of the Report of the Fund Commissioner, with the accompanying documents, for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Catlin offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That Thomas Quick be appointed assistant engrossing and enrolling clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Harris offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be hereby instructed to cause suits to be commenced upon the bonds of all delinquent collectors of revenue, in accordance with section thirty, chapter eighty-nine, of the Revised Statutes.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to report to the Senate the entire amount of warrants drawn and paid out for printing blanks for the different officers of State for the current two years past; and also, that the Finance committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of letting to the lowest bidder all printing for the State, except the laws, journals and reports of the General Assembly.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Resolved, That the committee on the Penitentiary be instructed to inquire whether the arrangements for the accommodation of the sick prisoners are such as a proper regard to the health and lives of the convicts require; and also into the propriety of appropriating the building at present occupied by the family of the Warden, as a Hospital.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the

eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, concerning Revenue;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dunlap, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to levee and make certain improvements on the Wabash river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Bloomingdale Cemetery Association;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to lay out a State Road in the counties of Kane and DuPage;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Dunlap, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to incorporate subordinate Lodges of the same order;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Noble, on leave, presented the petition of S. G. Patrick and others, praying that a tax may be imposed upon stallions for the improvement of the breed of horses; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Reddick, on leave, presented the petition of Aaron Gunn and others, praying for a law to restrain swine from running at large; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Constable,
Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Orders of the day:

House of Representative bills on their third reading:

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jasper county to borrow money, and for other purposes;" and

"An act to authorize the county of Alexander to borrow money;" were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

The matters contained in the message from the House of Representatives, were taken up.

The bill entitled "An act to confer certain rights on Mary Ann Hick, and the heirs at law of William Hick;" was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

The resolution of the House of Representatives, relative to the late Auditor, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

A message from the Council of Revision, by N. L. Hawley, Esq. their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to say, that the Council of Revision has approved bills of the following titles:

"An act to incorporate the Hardin County Mining Company;"

"An act to authorize the building of two bridges across Fever river, in the city of Galena;"

"An act to authorize District No. 1, T. 35, N. R. 10 E., to build a school house;"

"An act concerning Wall street, in the town of Geneva;"

"An act for the re-location of a street therein named;"

"An act appointing Commissioners to make partition of the real estate of Stephen S. Collett, late of Vermilion county, Indiana, deceased;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Mercer county, to pay the Recorder of said county for services rendered;"

"An act for the re-location of Van Ruren street, in Wilson's Addition to the town of Batavia."

Senate bill, entitled "An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846, and 1847," as amended by the House of Representatives, was read.

Mr. Dougherty moved to amend the amendment, by adding the following thereto:

"That nothing in this act shall be so construed, as to allow more than two years for the redemption of lands stricken off to the State of Illinois."

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Cavarly, Dougherty, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, McMillan, Morrison, Powers, Smith, Stephenson, Warren and Wilcox—15.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Henry, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin and Sweat—17.

Messrs. Coudy and Markley, were excused from voting on the questions pending.

The question on concurring in the amendments made to the bill, by the House of Representatives, being then taken, it was decided by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Henry, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Miller, Powers, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—16.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, McMillan, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Smith and Stephenson—16.

There being a tie,

Mr. Speaker voted in the affirmative; so the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. McRoberts moved a call of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the adoption of their resolution, providing for the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Walter B. Scates; and, also, a Prosecuting Attorney for the third Judicial Circuit, as amended by the House.

The House amend by striking out "Saturday, 16th," and insert, "Monday, this day, the 18th, at 4 o'clock, P. M."

In which amendment, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Boal, on leave, presented the petition of citizens of Marshall county, praying for provision for the moral and religious instruction of the convicts in the State Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Boal,
The reading was dispensed with, and the petition
Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Markley,
The further call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Allen,
The order of business was suspended, and the resolution of the Senate
relative to the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and
a State's Attorney for the third judicial circuit, as amended by the House
of Representatives, was taken up, read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives
thereof.

Senate bills, on their third reading:

"An act to amend chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Roads,'" was read a third time,

And the question being put, "shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly and Markley—5.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision,

"An act to incorporate Jubilee College."

Senate bills, entitled,

"An act to amend chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Habeas Corpus,'" and

"An act to provide for forfeited recognizances;" were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

The resolution offered by Mr. Powers, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending sections 44 and 47 of chapter 59 of Revised Laws, &c. coming up, was read and adopted.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Boal moved a call of the Senate, which call proceeded, and was

On motion of Mr. Sweat,
Dispensed with.

The question being upon ordering the bill, entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—18.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of Representatives, to proceed, in pursuance of a joint resolution, to the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Walter B. Scates; and, also, a Prosecuting Attorney for the third judicial circuit:

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by their Speaker, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives; and the two Houses then proceeded to the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by joint ballot, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Walter B. Scates; and, also, to the election of a State's Attorney for the third judicial circuit.

Mr. Allen, of the Senate, nominated WILLIAM A. DENNING, for the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Denny, of the Senate, nominated DAVID J. BAKER, for the same office.

Mr. Cavarly, of the Senate, and Mr. Boyakin, of the House of Representatives, were appointed tellers; and the votes being counted, stood thus:

For William A. Denning,	-	-	-	-	99
David J. Baker,	-	-	-	-	32
Scattering,	-	-	-	-	9
Blank,	-	-	-	-	1

Whereupon,

The Speaker of the House of Representatives declared William A. Denning duly elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Walter B. Scates.

Mr. Cunningham, of the House of Representatives, nominated SAMUEL S. MARSHALL, for State's Attorney of the third judicial circuit.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of the Senate,

The election proceeded by acclamation; and,

The question being taken upon the election of Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives then declared Samuel S. Marshall to be duly elected State's Attorney for the third judicial circuit; and, thereupon,

The Senate returned to their Chamber; and,

On motion,

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county," and

"An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Illinois river."

The House of Representatives refuse to recede from their amendment to the first section of the bill, for "An act providing for holding a special term of the Circuit Court in Massac county."

They recede from their amendment to the fourth section.

They refuse to recede from their amendments to the fifth and sixth sections of the bill.

The House concur with the Senate in the adoption of a resolution, providing for the appointment of a joint select committee to examine the claim of Michael Kennedy; and have appointed Messrs. Little of Will, Martin, Barber, Logan of Sangamon, and Eddy, the committee on their part.

The House have passed a bill, for "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided;" in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have ordered the printing of three thousand copies of a report from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, relative to the improvement of the navigation of the Illinois river.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The vote taken on laying on the table, until the fourth day of July next, the bill, entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," was reconsidered; and,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The bill was referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Markley, Warren, Allen, Gillespie, and Davis of Massac, be such committee.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of upwards of 200 citizens of the counties of Winnebago, Ogle, and La Salle, for a State road from Rockford to Ottawa.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Macoupin county, asking permission to appropriate certain funds in their possession.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Petitions.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of citizens of Rockford, for change of streets therein named.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sweat presented the petition of William and A. Hale, to vacate the town plat of Kickapoo Mills, in the county of Peoria.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petitions

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Reddick presented the petition of George Scott and 26 others, praying that a part of La Salle county be attached to Putnam county.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Counties.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The order of business was suspended, and the rule having been dispensed with, without objection, on his further motion,

Resolved, That the following be added to the rules of the Senate:

Rule 28. That the Senate Chamber be at all times subject to the control of the Speaker of this body, whenever the same is not required for the purposes of legislative business.

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on the Judiciary, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of fixing a standard weight for coal, reported a bill, entitled "An act for fixing the standard weight of coal;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the tenth section of the eighteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Cavarly moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edward, Gillespie, Haisson, Harris, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sulphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—30.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty and Stephenson—7.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the seventh section of the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution relating to Edward Bonney, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged; and,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to define the practice in relation to the fees of officers," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment, was on ordering to be engrossed for a third reading the bill, entitled "An act to define the practice in relation to the fees of officers."

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The bill was amended, by striking out the word "final," in the first section.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act relative to assessment of taxes in St. Clair county," reported the same back, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Henry Sharp, et. al., praying for an act to authorize an executor to make a deed, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee was thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petition,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Sanger, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of 129 citizens of Galena, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to exempt firemen, in the city of Galena, from serving as Jurors;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein,

Mr. Allen, from the joint select committee, appointed for that purpose, reported a bill, entitled "An act changing the times of holding Circuit Courts in the third judicial circuit;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, which was instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of amending section thirty-two of chapter eighty-nine, &c., reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The committee was thereupon accordingly discharged; and,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The resolution was laid on the table.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to effect a change in the Post office laws and regulations so as to exempt members of the Legislature of the several States from fine or punishment, for marking their names on documents sent to their constituents; and, also, to allow them the right of the franking privilege, while actually in session.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its adoption.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

Mr. Wilcox offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act for the assessment and collection of revenue, as to provide for the appointment or election of an Assessor in each precinct for taking the assessment.

Mr. Gillespie moved to amend the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That said committee inquire further as to the expediency of providing that the Assessors shall have power to appoint Deputy Assessors for particular portions of his county; and the assessment, when made by the said deputies, shall be passed upon and corrected, if necessary, by the County Assessors, before a return of the assessment is made.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The resolution and proposed amendment were referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve the roads in the Illinois bottom;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Killpatrick, Cavarly, and Denny, be such committee.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to vacate the town plat of Kickapoo Mills, in the county of Peoria;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of widows and orphans;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the day:

House bill, entitled "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Dougherty moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Henry, Killpatrick, M'Millan, Matteson, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—16.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution offered for adoption by Mr. Catlin, for the appointment of Thomas Quick, Assistant Engrossing Clerk of the Senate, coming up, was read.

Mr. Henry moved to lay the resolution on the table; and,

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Noble, Stephenson and Webb—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—14.

The resolutions offered for adoption by Mr. Harris, relative to the institution of suits upon the official bonds of Collectors of the revenue, coming up, was read.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The resolution was referred to the committee on Petitions.

The bill, entitled "An act providing for holding a special term of the Circuit Court in Massac county," with amendments, upon which the House of Representatives insist, coming up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Ordered, That a committee of Conference be appointed, in reference thereto, of two on the part of the Senate; and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask the appointment of a like committee of the House, to act in conjunction with that of the Senate, in relation to the disagreeing vote of the two Houses.

Messrs. Cavarly and Judd were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the Senate, a communication from the Governor, on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The same was acted upon, with open doors, and read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, January 19, 1847.

To the Senate :

I nominate Sylvester Blish for Public Administrator for the county of Henry.

T. S. Brainard for Notary Public for the county of Henry.

John P. Ragan for Public Administrator for the county of Lake.

Albert G. Taylor for Notary Public and Public Administrator for the county of Mercer.

Benjamin P. Hinch, Notary Public for the county of Gallatin.

John W. Evans, Public Administrator for the county of Morgan.

Henry Stees, Public Administrator for the county of Wabash.

Alexander Stewart, Public Administrator for the county of Edwards.

Irwin B. Randle, Notary Public for Upper Alton.

Henry Brown, Notary Public for the county of Cook.

John S. Bailey, Notary Public for the county of Brown.

Calvin A. Warren, Notary Public for the city of Quincy.

Salem Goodwin, Public Administrator for the county of Washington.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Said nominations were severally advised and consented to.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in answer to a resolution of the Senate, relative to the printing of blanks for the officers of State, for the two years past; which was read; and,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Laid on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

SAMUEL HOUSTON, Senator elect from the district of Fayette, Effingham and Clay counties, appeared, presented the certificate of his election, and the oath of office having been administered to him by Hon. S. H. Treat, took his seat.

Mr. Killpatrick presented the memorial of the Illinois State Temperance Society, on the subject of granting license to retail intoxicating liquors; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Killpatrick, Leviston, Constable, Miller and Dougherty, be such committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to the individuals named, for subsistence, clothing, forage, and materials furnished to the Illinois militia, under the command of Brigadier General J. J. Hardin, and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and 1846;" in the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to confer certain rights on Mary Ann Hick, and the heirs at law of William Hick, deceased," reported the same back, with amendments; which were concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on the Judiciary, which were instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency and propriety of reporting a bill relative to moneys in the hands of executors and administrators, belonging to minor heirs, reported a bill, entitled "An act relative to the guardians of non resident minor heirs;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to lay out a State road, in the counties of Du Puge and Kane," reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the petition of 80 citizens of Rockton, relative to the free navigation of Rock river, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon discharged accordingly, and the petition,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on the Judiciary, which had been instructed, by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes of this State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was amended, by striking out the word "summons," in the first section, and the word "warrant," in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish a State road from Spring Bay, via Lacon, to Hennepin;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Senate bill, entitled "An act for fixing the standard weight of coal," was read a second time,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, presented the petition of John Chauncey, for relief; which was read, and

On motion,

Referred, with accompanying exhibits, to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations to the individuals named, for subsistence, clothing, forage, and materials furnished to the Illinois militia, under the command of Brigadier General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-five and forty-six,"

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Was read by its title.

Ordered, That the bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Dickey and others;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Aaron Gunn and others, &c., reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petition,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Davis of Massac, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to amend an act in relation to the State Library," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; and the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of resolutions having for their object the presentation of swords to lieutenants John Pope and Mason Scurritt.

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz :

"An act to establish District Courts in the State of Illinois," and

"An act providing for holding a special term of court in McHenry county;"

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have appointed Messrs. Reynolds, Cockle, and Thomas of Morgan, a committee of conference, on their part, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the proposed amendments to the bill for "An act providing for holding a special term of the Circuit Court in the county of Massac."

Mr. Davis of Hancock, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations to the individuals named, for subsistence, clothing, forage, and materials furnished to the Illinois militia, under the command of Brigadier General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-five and forty-six," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; and the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, which had been instructed by four several resolutions, relative to the propriety,

1st. Of taxing lands claimed by the United States;

2d. Of amending the law in regard to the issuing of *capias*, and the proceedings therein before Justices of the Peace;

3d. Of amending the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Laws, so as to require the Judges of the Circuit Court to give the same in charge to the Grand Jurors; and,

4th. Of so amending the first division of chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, as to provide for the election of a town magistrate,

Reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the resolutions,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, which had been instructed, by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 105th and 6th sections of the revenue law, as more effectually to prevent Sheriffs and Collectors from speculating in Auditor's warrants, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged; and the resolutions,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the petitions of S. G. Palmer and others, upon the subject of improving the breed of horses, and Norman Slow and 103 others, citizens of Peoria county,

for amendments to lien law, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petitions,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which were referred bills, entitled

"An act to amend the one hundred and fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Venue,'" and

"An act to amend 'An act relative to practice in the Circuit Courts,'"

Reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon discharged accordingly, and the bills,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the one hundred and thirty-second chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1845, in regard to Wills," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon discharged accordingly, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes, concerning Revenue," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Davis of Massac, offered for adoption the following resolutions, which, under the rule, lie one day on the table:

1. *Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois*, That it is the solemn and imperative duty of the State to employ all judicious means for the speedy payment of the present great State debt.

2. *Resolved*, That the debt of the State ought to be funded, except the canal debt.

3. *Resolved*, That the officers who shall conduct the elections for delegates "to alter, amend, or revise," the present constitution of the State, be required and enjoined to open polls in their election books, at the time of electing delegates for the purpose aforesaid, to ascertain whether the people will submit to the imposition of a capitation tax, not exceeding one dollar per poll, on all male citizens of this State, above the age of twenty-one years, (soldiers of the revolution, and soldiers of the late war with England, wounded in the service, excepted,) to continue until the debt shall be paid.

4. *Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be requested to open correspondence with the holders of the internal improvement bonds of the

State, to learn from them on what terms they will agree to the funding of the same by the State, the basis of said negotiation to be the deferring of the interest on one half of the debt for the period of ten years.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolutions read.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The resolutions were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Catlin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act in relation to the common fields of Cahokia;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the city of Alton;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to locate a State road and build a bridge;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dennis, Gillespie and Markley, be such committee.

Mr. Henry, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to require purchasers at tax sales to give notice to the owner of the land;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Noble, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Vandruft's island, in Rock Island county, and to incorporate the Rock Island City Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" which was read, in part; when,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The further reading was dispensed with, and the bill

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Noble, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Sterling, Whiteside county, and to incorporate the Sterling Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" which

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Mechanics to secure a lien for labor and materials furnished for the erections of buildings, mills, machinery, &c.;" which,

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

Was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act making capias issued by Justices of the Peace a lien on personal property, from date of same;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The bill was referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, that Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Allen, Miller, McRoberts and Davis of Massac, be such committee.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Louis and Indianapolis Rail Road Company;" which,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered That Messrs. Gillespie, Allen and Hanson, be such committee.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to improve the roads in the Illinois bottom," on leave, reported the same back, with an additional section, as an amendment; which amendment was concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Esq., Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor, to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on their third reading:

Bills, entitled

"An act to amend the seventh section of the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to lay out a State road in the counties of Du Page and Kane," and

"An act for fixing the standard weight of coal,"

Were severally read a third time, and passed.

The bill, entitled "An act relative to the guardians of non-resident minor heirs," was read the third time; and,

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stevenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—30.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Constable, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Henry, Leviston and Smith—7.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate a communication in writing.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The vote taken upon the motion to lay on the table, until the fourth of July next, the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided," was re-considered.

Mr. Constable moved that the bill be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment was the motion of reference to the committee on the Judiciary, of the bill entitled "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided;" and

The question recurring thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes of this State," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

House bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act in relation to the State Library,'" was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

House bill, entitled "An act for holding a special term of court in the county of McHenry," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and,

"An act to establish District Courts in the State of Illinois," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor; which was read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Springfield, January 21, 1847.

To the Hon. the Speaker of the Senate:

SIR: I have the honor to lay before the Senate the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools.

Very respectfully, &c.

AUG. C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The report and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to the assessment of taxes in St. Clair county," was taken from the table, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Catlin, Dennis and Gillespie, be such committee.

The Speaker announced a communication from the Governor, on executive business.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The same was acted upon with open doors, and read as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
January 21, 1847.

To the Senate:

I nominate Charles Oakley, Canal Trustee of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, on the part of the State of Illinois.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

Mr. Constable moved to refer the communication from the Governor to the committee on the Judiciary; which motion,

The Chair decided not to be in order.

From which decision of the Chair, Mr. Constable appealed.

The question being then taken, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Reddick—1.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Henry, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, M'Millan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—38.

Mr. Dougherty moved to adjourn; and,

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on referring the communication to the committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Smith and Webb—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Henry, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—21.

Mr. Warren moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the motion on the table; and,

The question being taken on laying on the table, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick and Webb—10.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Henry, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—29.

Mr. Gillespie moved that the communication be referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. McRoberts moved the previous question.

Mr. Constable moved that the motion for the previous question be laid on the table.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Killpatrick, Miller and Webb—12.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Henry, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—27.

Mr. Constable moved that the Senate adjourn; and,

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Gillespie, Hanson, Killpatrick and Webb—9.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Harris, Henry, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—29.

The question being taken, "Shall the main question be now put?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Henry, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—27.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller and Webb—12.

The question being taken on the pending motion to refer the communication to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Killpatrick, Miller, Smith and Webb—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Henry, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—26.

The question being put, "Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Henry, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—26.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller, Smith and Webb—13.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of sundry citizens of Williamson county, praying a vacation of the town plat of the town of Bainbridge, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, Stephenson and Davis of Massac, be such committee.

Mr. Sweat presented the petition of S. H. Davis and 40 others, asking the repeal of all laws making distinctions on account of color; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Powers presented the petition of Wm. H. Allen and others, praying the vacation of certain alleys in the town of Bloomington, in McLean county.

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Catlin, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to assessment of taxes in St. Clair county," reported same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be read a third time.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Illinois Exporting Company;" which,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have adopted the accompanying resolutions, relative to an amendment of the constitution of the United States, so as to limit the tenure by which the United States Judges hold their offices; in the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Orders of the day.

Senate bills on their third reading:

"An act to improve the roads in the Illinois bottom," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary

inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled "An act in relation to the common fields, of Cahokia,"

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Was referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

House bill, entitled "An act in relation to assessment of taxes, in St. Clair county," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution contained in the message from the House of Representatives, relative to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so as to limit the tenure by which the United States Judges hold their offices, was taken up, and read.

The question being then taken on concurring with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Smith, Stevenson and Sweat—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denry, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Houston, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Noble, Powers, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—17.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the communication of the Governor with the report of the Secretary of State as Superintendent of Common Schools, reported the same back, and recommended that 5000 copies of said communication and report be printed for the use of the General Assembly, except the accompanying statistics.

Ordered, That said communication and report, of the Secretary of State, be laid on the table, and that 5000 copies thereof be printed as recommended by said committee.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Markley moved that the Senate adjourn, until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Boal moved that the Senate adjourn.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved that the Senate adjourn, until Monday morning.

The question being taken on said last motion, it was decided in the negative.

And the question being then taken on the motion that the Senate adjourn, it was decided in the affirmative.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The vote taken upon the resolution of the House of Representatives, relative to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so as to limit the tenure by which the United States Judges hold their offices, was reconsidered; and,

The question being taken on concurring with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sutphin and Webb—12.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member of the House:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to incorporate the Wabash Navigation Company."

The House have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to preserve the evidence of land sold on execution, and the redemption thereof from such sale;"

"An act to provide for vacating town plats;"

"An act to amend the twelfth section of the act, entitled 'An act to establish and maintain Common Schools,' approved February 26, 1845;"

"An act to refund taxes paid on school lands, section sixteen, township ten north, range twelve west, in Clark county;"

"An act for the benefit of Daniel Linder, of Coles county;"

"An act to incorporate the Boston and Elizabeth Mining Company of South Illinois;"

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society;"

"An act further to define the duties of Probate Justices;"

"An act to authorize the legal voters of McHenry county to elect school directors, and to raise money to build school houses;"

"An act for the relief of the administrator of the late Collector of Fayette county;"

"An act requiring the punctual discharge of duties by the Attorney General and State's Attorneys;"

"An act to authorize John Fox to convey certain land to the individuals therein named;" and

"An act to raise the fees of grand and petit jurors."

The House have adopted the accompanying resolution, in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate, instructing the joint committee on apportionment to adopt six thousand as the ratio for a representative, and eighteen thousand for a Senator.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of N. B. Spaulding, Sheriff of Kane county, for relief; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

Leave of absence was given to Mr. Stephenson, until Wednesday morning.

Mr. Sutphin presented the petition of the stockholders of the Pittsfield academy, relative to the sale thereof; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

Referred to the committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided," reported the same back, with amendments, which were concurred in.

Mr. Edwards moved to amend the bill, by inserting after the words "acting Justice of the Peace," the following: "or in case of his absence or sickness, before any other Justice of the Peace of the next adjoining precinct in the county;" and,

The question then being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Boal moved a call of the Senate.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, during the pendency of the call of the Senate, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act relative to Wills, approved March 3, 1845, and to extend the jurisdiction of Probate Courts," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The further call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The question pending before the call of the Senate, being on ordering to a third reading the bill, entitled "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided,"

Mr. Constable moved to recommit the same to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions; and,

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Constable moved to amend the bill by adding the words, "Provided, That in all cases the provisions of this bill shall be extended to any person or persons, appearing for or in behalf of the people of the State of Illinois;" and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts,

Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers Reddick, Smith, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Killpatrick, Sutphin and Webb—11.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend an act relative to Wills, approved March 3, 1845, and to extend the jurisdiction of Probate Courts," which, during the pendency of the call of the Senate, was reported back by the committee on the Judiciary, with a recommendation for its rejection, was,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to vacate the town plat of the Kickapoo Mills, in the county of Peoria," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act to correct and legalize the census of Tazewell county;"

"An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Illinois river;"

"An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847."

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of widows and orphans," reported the same back with a substitute, as an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved that the Senate adjourn until two o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Webb moved that the Senate adjourn.

The question being first taken on the motion to adjourn, it was decided in the negative; and,

The question then being taken on the motion to adjourn until two o'clock, P. M., it was decided in the affirmative.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State," and the resolution of the House of Representatives relative to the appointment of a joint select committee, with instructions to report a bill, &c., reported the same back; and,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Referred to the joint select committee on Apportionment.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the 109th chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back; and,

On his motion, the bill was

Laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, which had been instructed, by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of amending the 6th section of chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes, reported the same back; and,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to require purchasers at tax sales to give notice to the owners of the land," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Cavarly moved to lay the bill on the table; and,

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Dunlap, Edwards, Harris, Killpatrick, Markley and Miller—7.

Mr. Allen, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Williamson county, praying for the vacation of the town plat of Bainbridge, reported the same back, accompanied with a bill, entitled "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Bainbridge;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, from the joint committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the bill, entitled "An act providing for holding a special term of the Circuit Court in Massac county," made a report, recommending the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments to the bill, made by the House of Representatives.

Mr. Davis of Massac, moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Harris, McMillan, Markley, Miller and Sutphin—7.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the revenue law, as to require the Auditor of Public Accounts to prosecute delinquent Collectors at the time prescribed by law, or to release securities from any further obligation, after that time.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river, in Grundy county;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State;" which was read by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the joint select committee on Apportionment.

Mr. Allison, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to legalize certain conveyance therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The order of business was suspended, and the resolution of the House of Representatives, relative to the apportionment of representation, was taken up, and read.

Mr. Coudy moved a call of the Senate.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, during the pendency of the call of the Senate, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Coles and Moultrie counties, praying for a relocation of a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road; which, without reading, was,

On motion,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

During the like pendency of the call, the orders of the day were considered, as follows:

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination, as therein provided," was read a third time, as amended; and,

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Killpatrick and McMillan—8.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question pending before the call of the Senate being upon concurring with the House of Representatives' resolution relative to the appointment of representation in this State,

Mr. Cavarly moved to strike out the word "six," in the resolution, and insert "nine."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hanson, a Senator.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have ordered the printing of two thousand copies of the communication from the Governor transmitting the report of the Trustees of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and one thousand copies of the report of the State Trustees separately, for the use of the two Houses.

Mr. Markley, presented the petition of 2000 citizens and voters of Fulton county, praying a division of the same; and also the remonstrance of 9 citizens and legal voters of said county, against a division of the same.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The reading was dispensed with, and the petition and remonstrance referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of 51 citizens of township 19, north, range 12, west, of Vermilion county, Illinois, praying the passage of a bill for the relief of Isaac Sodowskey; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts, was

Dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Petitions.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Coles and Moultrie counties for a change in the location of a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Hanson, was

Dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Catlin presented the petition of William C. Kinney, for relief; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Catlin, was

Dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Sutphin, from the committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred the petition of stockholders of the Pittsfield Academy, &c., reported a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Trustees of the Pittsfield Academy, in Pike county, Illinois, to sell said Academy and a lot of land," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, that the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and four, relative to Trespass," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. McRoberts moved to refer the bill to the committee on Incorporations;

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act in relation to the Common fields of Cahokia," reported it back, and

On his motion, the same was

Laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the same committee, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the Supervisor of the village of Cahokia to lease part of the commons, appertaining to said village,' approved February 17, 1841;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

The Speaker announced a communication from the Governor, which was read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Springfield, Jan. 25, 1847.

To the Senate:

I have the honor to inform the Senate, that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Richard M. Young.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The communication was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The order of business was suspended, and the following resolution offered by him for adoption:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the two Houses meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday the 26th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing one Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Richard M. Young.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution read.

Mr. Judd moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Tuesday the 26th instant at 4," and insert "Saturday the 30th instant at 2,"

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Denny, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Morrison, Noble and Webb—12.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty, Henry, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—21.

The question being then taken on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its adoption.

Mr. Boal, on leave, presented the petition of W. H. Delph for payment of services rendered on the Northern Cross Rail Road; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Webb moved that the Senate adjourn.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Judd moved that the order of business be suspended, in order that the resolution from the House of Representatives, be taken up, proposing that the ratio of representation in the General Assembly, under the last census, be six and eighteen thousand for the House of Representatives and Senate, respectively.

Mr. Allen moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Miller, on leave, presented the petition of citizens of East Rockford, for the incorporation of the East Rockford Cemetery Association; the reading of which was dispensed with, and

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Miller, also, on leave, presented the petition of certain citizens of Rockford, relative to extending the charter of the Rockford Hydraulic Company; the reading of which, was,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Cavarly, also, on leave, presented the petition of M. S. Link and 49 others, praying the dissolution of the Corporation of Carrolton; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Was dispensed with, and the petition

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cavarly, Constable and Coudy, be such committee.

Mr. Cavarly, also, on leave, presented the petition of the County Commissioners' Court of Calhoun county, praying for the State revenue of said county, for the years 1847 and '48, to rebuild the Court House recently destroyed by fire; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Referred to a select committee of five.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Catlin and Davis of Hancock, be such committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the adoption of a resolution, providing for the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Richard M. Young.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The question being then taken upon the motion to suspend the order of business, for the purpose of taking up the resolution of the House of Re-

presentatives, relative to the apportionment, &c., it was decided in the affirmative.

The question in relation to said resolution, pending at the adjournment on Saturday, being upon the motion to strike out the word "six" and insert "nine,"

Mr. Davis of Hancock called for a division of the question; and

The question being first taken on striking out the word "six," it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Henry, Leviston, M'Millan, Markley, Morrison, Stephenson, Warren and Webb—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Coudy, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—15.

Mr. Henry moved to insert the word "eight."

Mr. Catlin moved to insert the word "ten;" and

The question being taken upon the motion to insert the word "ten," in the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Morrison, Reddick, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—18.

Mr. Hanson moved to strike out the word "eighteen," from the resolution; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Markley moved to insert the word "thirty."

Mr. Boal moved to insert the words "twenty-five;" and

The question being taken on the motion to insert the word "thirty" in the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—30.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Denny, Harris, Houston, Markley and Smith—7.

The question being then taken on concurring with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Resolved, That the late Attorney General, James A. McDougall, be required to report to the Senate, as soon as practicable, all of his official acts, in relation to the collection of claims and the settlement of demands for and against the State of Illinois, since his election to said office, and whether any money has come into hands, properly belonging to the State; and if so, by whom and on what account.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Morrison presented the petition of 1246 voters of Randolph county, praying the relocation of the county seat of said county; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Morrison,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Morrison, Miller and Catlin, be such committee. Mr. Boal presented the petition of John Judd and others, in towns 29 and 30, N. R., 1 east of the third principal meridian, praying for the equal and distributive portion of the school fund from La Salle county; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of the citizens of Rockford, relative to the bridge across Rock river, at that town; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Noble presented the petitions of sundry citizens of the counties of Lee, De Kalb and La Salle, praying for the erection of a new county, to be called Eagle, and comprised of townships 36, 37 and 38 of ranges 1, 2, 3 and 4, and of township 39, ranges 1 and 2 east of the third principal meridian; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of citizens of Rockford, relative to a Female Seminary, to be located in said town; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sanger presented the petition of sundry citizens of Stephenson county, praying the incorporation of the Stephenson Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Sanger presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, for authority to sell school lands in town 24 north, range 3 east, at the town of Savanna; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Dunlap presented the petition of 126 citizens of Lawrence county, praying for an act to authorize them to build a levee on the Wabash river; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sanger presented the petition of John Smith, for a ferry across the Mississippi river, at Savanna; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sanger presented the petition of the proprietors of the town of Savanna, to vacate a part of said town plat; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

Was dispensed with, and the petition referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sanger, Reddick and Allison, be such committee.

Mr. Gillespie, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Louis and Indianapolis Rail Road Company," made a report, recommending its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The bill was referred to the committee on Incorporations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the passage of a bill, for "An act to incorporate the Madison and St. Clair Plank and Rail Road Company."

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz :

"An act to incorporate the St. Clair County Turnpike Company ;"

"An act to authorize Mary Ann Smart to sell certain lands ;"

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of La Salle county to sell a part of section 16, township 33 N. range 3 east ;"

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Alton, approved July 10, 1837 ;"

"An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott ;"

"An act to legalize the survey of David Price's addition to the town of Russelville, Lawrence county, Illinois;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Madison Ferry Company;'" and

"An act to incorporate the Oregon Bridge Company;"

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Killpatrick offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on School Lands and Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Normal school, for the education of teachers, and for setting apart a portion of the School, College and Seminary funds for the support of said institution.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution read; and

The question being then taken on its adoption, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Henry, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Smith, Sutphin and Sweat—18.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Morrison, Reddick, Stephenson and Warren—17.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Illinois Exporting Company," reported the same back, with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Danville Manufacturing and Exporting Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the communication of the Auditor of Public Accounts, relative to the sale of lands forfeited to the State for taxes, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Harris,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the several laws in this State, relative to roads;" which was read, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Belvidere Cemetery Association;" which,

On motion of Mr. Miller,
Was read by its title, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Peoria Lodge No. (15) fifteen of Free and Accepted Masons;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading:

"An act to vacate the town of Kickapoo Mills, in the county of Peoria," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

"An act for the relief of widows and orphans," was read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The title was amended, by striking out all after the word "relief," and inserting the words, "of Margaret and Sidney Hanson."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Bainbridge," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river, in the county of Grundy,'" was read a third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Senate bill, entitled "An act for recording patents," was read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Bills of the House of Representatives on first reading:

"An act to authorize the legal voters of McHenry county to elect school directors and to raise money to build school houses," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

"An act for the relief of the late collector of Fayette county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act to raise the fees of grand and petit jurors," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act requiring the punctual discharge of duties by the Attorney General and the several State's Attorneys," and

"An act to authorize John Fox to convey certain land to the individuals therein named," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act further to define the duties of Probate Justices," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

"An act to refund money paid on school lands, section 16, T. 10 N., R. 12 W., in Clark county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication, which was read, as follows:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 26, 1847.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate:

SIR: I hereby tender a resignation of the seat which I hold in the Senate of the State of Illinois, as a Senator from Morgan county; which you will please consider vacant from the present time.

With great respect, your ob't serv't.

JOHN HENRY.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The communication was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The order of business was suspended, and the rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On his motion,

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill altering the mode of compensating Assessors, and whether it would not be conducive to the public interest to pay Assessors a certain amount per tract for assessing lands and town lots.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Hall of the House, to proceed to the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. R. M. Young.

Whereupon,

The Senate, preceded by their Speaker, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives; and the two Houses then proceeded to the election of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by joint ballot, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. R. M. Young.

Mr. McRoberts, of the Senate, nominated **JESSE B. THOMAS**.

Mr. Allen, of the Senate, and Mr. Reynolds, of the House of Representatives, were appointed tellers; and the votes being counted, stood thus:

For Jesse B. Thomas,	-	-	-	-	95
Blanks and Scattering,	-	-	-	-	41

The Speaker of the House of Representatives declared Jesse B. Thomas duly elected an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Richard M. Young, of the seventh judicial circuit of the State of Illinois.

Whereupon,

The Senate returned to their Chamber; and,

On motion,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

The Speaker laid before the Senate, the communication of the Governor, enclosing the letter of Gabriel Shaw, of London, relative to certain demands due him from the State of Illinois; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to the committee on Finance,

Mr. Matteson presented the petition of Charles Clement, and 267 others, voters of Will county, praying for amendments to the license law, so as to give each precinct the right to vote for or against granting licenses; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the select committee to which was referred the memorial of the Illinois State Temperance Convention.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Dickey and others," reported the same back, with an amendment.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to insert the words "State bonds or State scrip," after the word "cents," in the first section; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The amendment of the committee was then concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hanson, from the committee on Inland Navigation, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river, reported the same back, without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, reported a bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the boundaries of Hardin county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member of the House:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the relief of David Bloom;" and

"An act for the re-location of the county seat of Randolph county."

Mr. Noble, on leave, presented the petition of John Dement and others, praying for an amendment to an act incorporating the Rock River Dam and Bridge Company; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter one hundred and four, relative to Trespass," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. McRoberts moved to lay the bill on the table, until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRob-

erts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Killpatrick, Powers, Sweat and Webb—10.

Mr. Sweat, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the petition for the incorporation of the Stephenson county Hydraulic and Manufacturing company," reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Stephenson County Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend an act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river, in Grundy county," reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to levee and make certain improvements on the Wabash river," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal voters of McHenry county to elect school directors and to raise money to build school houses," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition of citizens of East Rockford, for the incorporation of the East Rockford Association, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Cedar Bluff Cemetery Association, at Rockford, in Winnebago county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Dougherty, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Peoria Lodge No. (15) fifteen of Free and Accepted Masons," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Leviston, from the same committee, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the administrators of the late Collector of Fayette county," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage; the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Belvidere Cemetery Association," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act making capias issued by Justices of the Peace lien on personal property from date of service," reported the same back, with amendments; which amendments were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The bill, as amendment, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Markley, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, offered, as an additional amendment, the following:

"Provided, That suit may be brought in any precinct where the contract was made, or is made payable."

Mr. Warren moved to lay the amendment on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, McMillan, Markley, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—21.

Mr. Warren moved that the Senate adjourn until two o'clock, P. M.
The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.
Mr. Constable moved that the Senate adjourn; and
The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment being upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Davis of Hancock to the bill, entitled "An act limiting the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace,"

Mr. Constable moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call, the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Boal, in the place of Mr. Henry, resigned, to the committee on the Insane.

Mr. Miller, on leave, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Rockford, for changing streets therein named, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to re-locate certain streets in the town of Rockford, on the west side of Rock river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Ordered, That the select committee, to which was referred the petition of Michael Kennedy, have power to employ the services of a Clerk, in the investigation of the matters alledged in said petition.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the re-location of the county seat of Randolph county," was taken up, read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The order of business was suspended, and the petition of John and Thomas Lonergan taken from the table, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Hanson offered an amendment to the pending amendment, proposed by Mr. Davis of Hancock, adding at the ends thereof the words "in writing;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Cavarly offered an amendment to the pending amendment, to strike out the words "was made or."

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, McMillan, Markley, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—17.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, McMillan, Markley, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—18.

The question being then taken upon ordering the bill, as amended, to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Morrison, Noble, Stephenson, Sutphin and Sweat—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Gillespie, Houston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Warren Webb, and Wilcox—19.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives refuse to concur with the Senate in their amendment to the resolutions of instructions to the joint select committee appointed to report a bill apportioning the representation in the General Assembly.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection.

Mr. Miller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested, to require, as an express and fundamental condition to the acquisition of any territory by the United States, that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in any part of said territory, except for crime, whereof the party shall first be duly convicted; which was read; and

The question being then taken upon its adoption, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Webb and Wilcox—17.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Morrison, Powers, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—21.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's report, as Fund Commissioner, relating to the debt due the State by John Tillson, jr., and the claims of the State on the Quincy House, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with a request that they report, by bill or otherwise, the plan best adapted for a speedy settlement of the same, and in their opinion most for the interest of the State.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 28th chapter of the Revised Laws of 1845, in relation to County Treasurers and County Funds, as to allow said Treasurers two per cent. upon all money paid out, and report by bill or otherwise.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That when any number of a report or other document shall be ordered to be printed by either House, the Public Printer shall deliver an equal number of said documents to both Houses, unless the same has been ordered to be printed by both Houses.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions in favor of the early passage of a law, extending the laws of the United States, and providing for the organization of a government over and in the Territory of Oregon; and, also, to provide for the establishment of military posts on the route from the western settlements in Missouri, to the settlements in Oregon, and for the transportation of a monthly mail to and from that Territory; and, also, for liberal donations of land to those who are now and may hereafter become the early settlers of that country.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their adoption.

Mr. Powers, on leave, introduced a bill; entitled "An act to locate a

State road from Bloomington, McLean county, to Spring Bay, in Woodford county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Orders of the day:

Bills from the House of Representatives:

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society," and

"An act to authorize the legal voters of McHenry county to elect school directors, and to raise money to build school houses,"

Were severally read a third time, as amended by the Senate, and passed.

"An act to refund taxes paid on school lands, section 16, T. 10 N., R. 12 W., in Clark county," was also read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage, and ask concurrence in the amendments.

The bill, entitled "An act to define the duties of Probate Justices," was read a second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

House bills on their first reading:

"An act to amend the twelfth section of the act, entitled 'An act to establish and maintain Common Schools,' approved February 26th, A.D., 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Killpatrick moved a reference of the bill to the committee on School Lands and Education; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The bill was amended, by adding the following:

"*Provided*, That that this act shall not be so construed as to change or affect any system or organization of common schools now regulated by special laws;" and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

"An act to provide for vacating town plats," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

"An act to preserve the evidence of land sold on execution and the redemption thereof from such sale," and

"An act to authorize Mary Ann Smart to sell certain lands," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act for the benefit of Daniel Linder, of Coles county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hanson, McRoberts, and Allison, be such committee.

"An act to incorporate the Boston and Elizabeth Mining Company of South Illinois," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The order of business was suspended, and the message containing the refusal of the House of Representatives to concur in the amendments made by the Senate to the resolution of the House, instructing the joint select committee appointed to report a bill apportioning the representation in the General Assembly, was taken up.

Mr. Cavarly moved that the Senate insist upon their amendments to said resolution; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Morrison, Powers, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Coudy, Denny, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Smith, Sweat and Wilcox—14.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Catlin presented the petition of James H. Scott and 388 others, citizens of St. Clair county, praying for a liberal charter for the construction of a rail road from Belleville to St. Louis, which was, without reading,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sweat presented the petition of sundry citizens of Peoria praying that provisions may be made by law, whereby the convicts in the State Prison may receive moral and religious instructions, which without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petitions of inhabitants of Elgin, to vacate burying ground and vest same in School District No. 1, and of citizens of Kane county, for a road from Fox to Rock river, which without reading were

Referred, the first to the committee on School Lands and Education; the last to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of citizens of Winnebago county, for vacating the town plat of Winnebago in said county, which, without reading,

On motion of Mr. Miller, was

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition relative to the same subject, on leave, reported a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the maintenance of the Rockford Bridge;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Wm. C. Kinney, for relief, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of William Kinney, deceased;" which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Davis of Massac, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolutions relative to the State debt, and the submission of the question of a capitation tax of not exceeding one dollar, to the people at the election of delegates to the convention, &c. reported the same back, and recommended their adoption; and

The question being then taken upon their adoption, it was decided in the affirmative,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their adoption.

Mr. Sutphin, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pike county, to pay the Recorder of said county for making an index to the Record books of his office," reported the same back with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Speaker announced Mr. Powers appointed to the committee on Finance, in place of Mr. Henry, resigned.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a bill for "An act in relation to the apportionment of the school fund in the county of Ogle," in the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the petition of John Dement and others, praying for an amendment to an act incorporating the Rock River Dam and Bridge Company, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock River Dam and Bridge Company,' " which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Sanger, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of the proprietors of the town of Savanna, to vacate a part of said town plat, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act to vacate a part of the town plat of Savanna in the county of Carroll;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Will County Literary and Historical Society;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills, on their third reading:

"An act for recording patents;"

"An act to levee and make certain improvements on the Wabash river;" and

"An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river;" were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved that the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

"An act for the relief of the heirs of John Dickey and others," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the revenue law in relation to Assessors;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at Henry, in Marshall county," reported the same back with amendments, which amendments, were concurred in, and the bill as amended

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Webb, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the School Trustees of T. 13, N. R. 10, E. of the 4th principal meridian, to establish a Ferry across the Illinois river," reported the same back, with amendments which were concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection, on leave,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Resolved, That the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, the District Judges of the United States Court, and ex-members of Congress, be requested to take seats within the bar of the Senate.

Bill, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Exporting Company," was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The title was amended by striking out the word "exporting" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "transporting;"

"An act to incorporate the Belvidere Cemetery Association;" and

"An act to incorporate the Cedar Bluff Cemetery Association at Rockford, in Winnebago county," were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their passage.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petition of 51 citizens of T. 19, N. R. 12 west, of Vermilion county, for the relief of Isaac Lodowsky, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Lodowsky," which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate be requested to appoint a committee of conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on the resolutions in relation to the subject of the apportionment, and that the Senate be informed that the House appoint nine on their part, (one from each judicial circuit) as said committee.

Messrs. Morris, Reynolds, Marshall, Long, Linder, Shumway, Wardlaw, Ela and Cross, the committee on the part of the House.

The House of Representative have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to amend 'An act concerning Wills,'" as amended by them; in which amendment, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize John Fox, to convey certain land to the individuals therein named," reported the same back, and recommended its passage, which was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a Convention," together with sundry resolutions relating to the same subject, reported the same back, and recommended the passage of the bill.

Mr. Judd moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and add the following:

SECTION 1. An election for members to the Convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois, shall be held on the first Monday of _____, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-

... The several judges of election in the several precincts of each county in said State, shall, upon the day above mentioned, open the polls of their respective precincts, in the manner now prescribed by law for the election of members of the General Assembly, at the same places at which the polls were opened for the election of the members of the present General Assembly, and shall receive the votes of all electors who are qualified by law to choose members of the General Assembly. The electors shall be entitled to vote for as many persons as shall be entitled to a seat in said Convention by the provisions of this act; which votes shall be taken in the same manner as is now prescribed by law in elections for members of the General Assembly.

SEC. 2. The Clerks of the County Commissioners' Court shall give the same notices, the County Commissioners' Court shall have the same power to appoint judges of election, the judges of election shall have the same power to appoint clerks of election, as is now prescribed by law for giving of notices, appointment of judges and clerks of election, in the election of members of the General Assembly. The judges and clerks of election, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take the oath prescribed by law for judges and clerks of election, and all vacancies in said offices shall be filled in the manner now fixed by law for the filling of such vacancies.

SEC. 3. The number of members in such Convention shall be one hundred and sixty-two, to be apportioned amongst the several counties in this State, and voted for by the qualified electors of such counties, in the following manner, viz: The county of Adams three members; Alexander, Pulaski and Union together, one member; Bond one member; Boone one member; Brown two members; Bureau one member; Calhoun and Jersey together, one member; Carroll and Ogle together, one member; Cass one member; Champaign and Vermilion together, one member; Christian and Shelby together, one member; Clark two members; and Clark and Edgar together, one member; Clay one member; Clinton one member; Coles two members; Cook five members; Crawford one member; Cumberland and Effingham together, one member; DeKalb one member; DeWitt one member; DuPage two members; Edgar two members; Edwards one member; Fayette two members; Franklin one member; Fulton four members; Gallatin two members; Greene three members; Grundy and LaSalle together, one member; Hamilton one member; Hancock five members; Hardin and Gallatin together, one member; Henderson one member; Henry and Knox together, one member; Iroquois and Will together, one member; Jackson one member; Jasper and Crawford together, one member; Jefferson two members; Jersey one member; Jo Daviess three members; Johnson one member; Kane three members; Kendall one member; Knox

two members; Lake two members; LaSalle two members; Lawrence one member; Lee one member; Livingston and McLean together, one member; Logan one member; McLean one member; Mason one member; Macoupin three members; McDonough one member; McDonough and Warren together, one member; McHenry two members; McHenry and Boone together, one member; Madison four members; Marshall and Stark together, one member; Marion one member; and Marion Washington and Clinton together, one member; Marquette one member; Macon and Piatt together, one member; Massac one member; Menard one member; Mercer one member; Montgomery one member; Montgomery and Bond together, one member; Moultrie and Shelby together, one member; Morgan four members; Monroe two members; Ogle one member; Peoria two members; and Peoria and Fulton together, one member; Perry one member; Pike four members; Pope one member; Putnam one member; Randolph two members; Richland one member; Rock Island one member; Sangamon four members; Scott two members; Schuyler two member; Shelby one member; St. Clair four members; Stephenson two members; Tazewell two members; Union one member; Vermilion two members; Wabash one member; Warren one member; Washington one member; Wayne one member; Hamilton and Wayne together, one member; White two members; Whiteside one member; Woodford one member; Winnebago two members; Williamson one member; and Williamson, Franklin and Jackson together, one member; and Will two members.

SEC. 4. The several judges of election shall return the votes given at said election, and the returns shall be canvassed in the same manner, as is now provided by law for the return of votes and the canvassing thereof, in elections for members of the General Assembly; and certificates of election shall be given to the persons entitled thereto, by the same officer and in the same manner as members of the General Assembly now receive the same; and in case of contested elections to the Convention, the contending candidates shall pursue the same course, and be governed by the same rules as are now prescribed by law in contested elections to the Legislature of this State.

SEC. 5. The members chosen shall meet in Convention at the Capitol in the city of Springfield, on the first Monday in _____, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty _____. They shall be the judges of their own privileges and elections, and the members thereof shall have the same privileges to which members of the General Assembly are entitled: and shall, by ballot, elect one of their number President, and may appoint one or more Secretaries, a Printer, and such Doorkeepers and Messengers as their convenience shall require; and such members of the Convention shall be entitled to the same mileage for travel, and the members and Secretaries the same per diem allowance, as is now paid to members of the Legislature; and the Printer, Doorkeepers, and Messengers shall receive the same compensation as the same officers receive from the present General Assembly. The amount due each person shall be certified by the President of the Convention to the Auditor of Public Accounts, who shall issue warrants upon the Treasurer of the State, and the same shall be paid by the Treasurer in the same manner as other warrants are paid. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to attend said Convention at the opening thereof, and he and all public officers shall furnish such Convention with all such papers, statements, books, or other public documents in their possession, as the said Convention shall order or require; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish the members with all such stationery as is usual for the Legislature while in session.

SEC. 6. The proceedings of said Convention shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and the amendments, revisions or alterations to the Constitution, agreed to by the said Convention, shall be recorded in his office.

The said amendments, revisions or alterations shall be submitted by the Convention to the people for their adoption or rejection, at an election to be held on the day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty- ; and every person entitled to vote by the Constitution and laws now in force, may vote thereon in the election district in which he shall reside, and not elsewhere. The amendments shall be so prepared and distinguished by numbers or otherwise, that they can be voted upon separately; and they shall be so voted upon, unless the Convention shall be of opinion that it is impracticable to prepare them so that they can be voted upon in that manner; and if the said Convention shall, by resolution, declare that in its judgment the amendments, revisions or alterations cannot be prepared so as to be voted upon separately, they shall be voted upon together. In either case, the Convention shall prescribe the form or manner of voting, the publication of the alterations, revisions or amendments, and the notices to be given of the election. At the election mentioned in this section, the judges of election shall receive the votes in the form to be prescribed by the said Convention; and all the provisions of the laws of this State in relation to the election of officers at a general election, shall apply to the voting upon said amendments, revisions or alterations, so far as the same can be made applicable thereto; and the votes given upon said alterations, amendments or revisions, shall be given and canvassed, and all the proceedings shall be had in regard to them, as nearly as practicable, in the manner prescribed by law in respect to votes given for Governor. It shall be the duty of the Governor to lay before the General Assembly, in joint meeting, at its next session, the votes for ratifying or rejecting said Constitution, or any part thereof; and if it shall appear to the General Assembly, in such joint meeting, that a majority of all the votes given have accepted the Constitution so amended, or any part thereof, they shall, by a joint resolution, declare said Constitution to be the Supreme Law of the land, and the former Constitution abolished. But if it shall appear that a majority of votes were given against the said Constitution, or any part thereof, then the same shall be null and void: *Provided*, That if the Convention shall fix upon any other time or manner for canvassing the votes for or against said amended Constitution, and for its taking effect, then such manner as is pointed out by the Convention shall be adopted.

SEC. 7. All wilful and corrupt false swearing in taking any of the oaths prescribed by this act, or by the laws of this State made applicable to this act, or any other mode or form in carrying into effect this act, shall be deemed perjury, and shall be punished in the manner now prescribed by law for wilful and corrupt perjury.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, to cause this act to be published once a week, for twelve successive weeks previous to the election of members of the Convention, in not less than two, nor more than four of the public newspapers published in each of the several counties of this State, in which two or more public newspapers are published, and in the public newspaper in all those counties where only one newspaper is published; and shall cause to be transmitted to the several Clerks of the County Commissioners' Courts in this State, such a number of copies of this act as shall be sufficient to supply the several officers who are to perform duties under this law; and the said clerks shall distribute the same to such officers; and the expenses of publishing and distributing the same, and all other legal expenses incurred in printing for the Convention shall be audited by the Auditor and paid by the Treasurer according to law: the prices of such printing, however, not to exceed the rates now fixed by law, or that may hereafter be fixed for similar services.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill and proposed amendment, were referred to a committee of the whole, and made the order of business for Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of a Convention, to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the State of Illinois, and to apportion the representation in said Convention," asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Vandruff's Island, in Rock Island county, and to incorporate the Rock Island City Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to apportion representatives in the Convention for amending the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and to fix the time of holding said Convention," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Constable, from the same Committee, which were instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of repealing section 38, of chapter 27, of the Revised Laws, &c., reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration, and the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Constable, was

Laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An Act for the relocation of the county seat of Randolph county," reported the same back, with amendments.

Mr. Stephenson moved to lay the amendments on the table, until the fourth day of July next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment was upon the motion to lay on the table, until the fourth day of July next, the amendment proposed by the committee on the Judiciary to the bill, entitled "An act for the relocation of the County Seat of Randolph county."

Mr. Constable moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call, on leave,

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Military Affairs, which had been instructed by resolution to ascertain what amount and number of Arms and Accoutrements, &c., have been received by this State, from the United States, where, and in what situation they are; also, report their opinion as to expediency of establishing State Arsenals, made a report, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The report and resolution were laid on the table.

Mr. Warren, from the same committee, on leave, also introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the 70th chapter of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Further proceedings under the call, were dispensed with.

The question being then taken upon the motion pending, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb—12.

Mr. Edwards moved to commit "the bill and amendments to the committee on Counties, with instructions to amend it, so as to provide that there shall be an election held for or against the place selected, and if such place shall receive a majority of all the votes given, it shall be the permanent seat of justice of said county."

Mr. Catlin moved to lay the amendment and motion to refer on the table.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Smith, Stevenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers and Webb—12.

And the bill,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hanson, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the benefit of Daniel Linder, of Coles county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage, and the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Justus Post," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Boston and Elizabeth Mining Company of South Illinois," reported the same back, and recommended its passage, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to improve the rapids in Rock river at Sterling, Whiteside county, and to incorporate the Sterling Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Dennis, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to locate a State road and build a bridge," reported the same back, without amendment, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Reddick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to pay William E. Armstrong and others, the amount of a certain judgment;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Mr. Leviston, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to define the Revenue law;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Reddick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act approved, February the 28th 1839, entitled 'An act to provide for the dedication of town lots in towns situated on Canal lands to public purposes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The order of business was suspended, and the following resolution offered by him for adoption, which, under the rule lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That this General Assembly will receive no new business after the sixth day of February next, and that we adjourn *sine die*, on the fifteenth day of said month.

Mr. Cavarly moved to dispense with the rule; and,

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Reddick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize George H. Norris to build a bridge across the Illinois river, at Ottawa;" which was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of Elgin, to vacate burying ground and vest same in school district No. 1, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petition,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Matteson, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to raise the fees of grand and petit jurors," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—37.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Mr. Webb—1.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading:

"An act to limit the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," was read a third time; and,

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Gillespie, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger and Webb—13.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

"An act to provide for the maintenance of the Rockford bridge," was read a third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Miller, Stephenson and Reddick, be such committee.

"An act to re-locate certain streets in the town of Rockford, on the west side of Rock river," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Bills of the House of Representatives on third reading:

"An act to amend the twelfth section of the act, entitled "An act to establish and maintain common schools," approved February 26th, A. D. 1845," was read a third time, as amended, and,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sweat, Killpatrick and Allen, be such committee.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The order of business was suspended, and the petition of sundry citizens of Champaign county, praying for the passage of an act to allow them to pay interest on money borrowed from the school fund at the expiration of each year, instead of every six months, was presented by him; which was read, and,

On his motion,

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The order of business was suspended, and the resolution of the House of Representatives, relative to a committee of Conference upon the disagreeing vote of the two Houses upon the House resolution relative to the apportionment, was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed, on the part of the Senate, to act in conjunction with the committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Matteson, the bill was
Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of John and Thomas Lonergan for relief, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act to pay John and Thomas Lonergan an amount that is honestly due them;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. McRoberts from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to define the revenue law," reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly, the bill was

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Matteson from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of N. B. Spaulding, sheriff of Kane county, praying for relief, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject. The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petition

Laid on the table.

Mr. Matteson from the same committee, which had been instructed by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of amending the revenue law, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject. The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the revenue law," reported the same back with an amendment, which was

Concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Wilcox from the same committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the revenue law in relation to Assessors;" reported the same back, with the recommendation of a minority of said committee for its passage.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox, the bill was

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1847.

Senate met.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Reddick presented the petition of George Mann and 32 others, praying for moral and religious instruction to be imparted to the convicts in the Penitentiary; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of Joseph S. Jackson, praying for a law authorizing him to build a mill dam on the Kaskaskia river, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Powers presented the remonstrance of the Trustees of the town of Bloomington, in the county of McLean, against the prayer of a petition to vacate certain alleys in said town; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Powers,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of the citizens of Roscoe, for the free and unobstructed navigation of Rock river; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have concurred with them in the passage of a bill for "An act extending the limits of the fifth judicial circuit," as amended by the House; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Leviston from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to incorporate subordinate Lodges of the same order," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was

Concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Gillespie offered for adoption the following resolutions, which, under the rule, lie one day on the table:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to use their best efforts to procure the passage of a law, directing a term of the Supreme Court of the United States to be held annually west of the mountains.

Resolved, That the city of St. Louis be recommended as an eligible point to hold the sessions of the said court.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Illinois, be requested to forward at his earliest convenience, one copy of the foregoing to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Edwards, on leave, presented the petition of Cornelius Ludlum, in behalf of himself and others, praying the payment of claims against the State, growing out of the use of the Northern Cross Rail Road, which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act, to make it the duty of Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace and Constables, to see that the laws of this State, relative to hawking and peddling, be enforced and observed, and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act allowing fees to certain officers therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced bills, of the following titles:

"An act supplementary to 'An act to incorporate the city of Chicago, approved March 4, 1837,'" and

"An act to incorporate the University of Chicago;" which were severally read by their titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the ninth Judicial Circuit;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee, consisting of the Senators from the ninth Judicial circuit.

Mr. Edwards, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Springfield Hotel Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize George H. Norris to build a bridge across the Illinois river at Ottawa," reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was

Concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading :

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Justus Post," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid.

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Pike county to pay the Recorder of said county for making an index to the record books of his office;" which was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

Ordered, That the title thereof be amended by striking out all after the word "Act," and insert, "to amend chapter eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Records and Recorders,'" and that the title be as amended.

Ordered, That the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

Mr. Dougherty from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Louis and Indianapolis Rail Road Company," on leave, reported the same back, with an amendment.

Mr. Gillespie moved a call of the Senate; pending the call,

Mr. Miller from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Danville Manufacturing and Exporting Company," on leave, reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Clair County Turnpike Company," was taken from the orders of the day, read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Further proceedings under the call, were dispensed with.

The question pending the call of the Senate, was upon concurring with the committee on Incorporations, in the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Louis and Indianapolis Rail Road Company."

Mr. Gillespie moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of the bill and amendments.

Mr. Cavarly moved that the Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Killpatrick moved a call of the Senate, which proceeded for a while, and was,

On motion, dispensed with.

Pursuant to the special order of the day, the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, for the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the call of a convention;" and also the amendment thereto, offered by Mr. Judd, Mr. Warren in the Chair,

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked and obtained leave to sit again.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Markley presented the remonstrance of John White and 50 others, against a division of Fulton county; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Reddick presented the petition of Henry S. Misne and 115 others, citizens of Kendall and La Salle counties, praying that moral and religious instruction be imparted to the convicts in the penitentiary; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, reported a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Union County Road Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act for the benefit of the Canton election precinct, in Fulton county;"

"An act for the relief of Albert Ellis;"

"An act to incorporate the German Catholic Benificent Brothers' Society of Adams County;"

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Illinois Mutual Fire Insurance Company;'"

"An act to amend 'An act to locate a State road from Batavia in Kane county, to David Bennett's, in Du Page county,' approved February 11th, 1845;"

"An act authorizing the County Commissioners of Iroquois to borrow money for certain purposes;" and

"An act to amend the law in relation to the securities of guardians;"

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have unanimously adopted the accompanying preamble and resolutions, instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to vote for any proposition, constitutional and practicable, for raising men and money, to carry on the war with Mexico; and to aid, by every means in their power, any measure or proposition that, in their opinion, will nerve the arm of Government to increased vigor in the prosecution of the same.

In the adoption of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Miller from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition of John Smith, for a ferry across the Mississippi river, at Savannah, reported the same back, and asked leave, and were discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and the petition was,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of John Crenshaw, for relief, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to allow John Crenshaw to liquidate the amount he owes the State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Louis and Indianapolis Rail Road Company," having been, on yesterday, reported back by the committee on Incorporations, with amendments, coming up; and

The question being upon the motion to indefinitely postpone the consideration of said bill and amendments; and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Webb—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Leviston, M'Millan, Miller, Reddick, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—15.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The petition and accompanying papers, relative to the claim of Michael Kennedy, were taken from the table, and

Referred to the joint select committee appointed to investigate said claim.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The order of business was suspended, and the preamble and resolutions, on the subject of men and money with which to prosecute the Mexican war, contained in the message from the House of Representatives, were taken up, read, and concurred in, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—35.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency and justice of allowing additional pay to Thompson Campbell, late Secretary of State, sufficient to remunerate him for his extra services as Superintendent of Common Schools, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be required to inform the Senate of the condition of the Territorial and other records of Illinois, being transcribed by the copyist thereof; whether the appropriation made at the last session has been well expended; the work well done; will be an advantage to his office; whether, in his opinion, it is necessary to complete the same; and what will be the probable amount required to finish the work, according to the plan first laid down.

Mr. Killpatrick offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate order the printing of five thousand additional copies of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Killpatrick moved a call of the Senate; which, having proceeded for a time, was, on motion, dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution offered by him taken up for consideration; and

The question being taken upon its adoption, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny,

Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller Noble, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Reddick, Smith, Warren and Webb—10.

Mr. Hanson offered for adoption the following resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That no new business be received into either branch of the Legislature after the tenth instant, and that both branches of the General Assembly adjourn, sine die, on the 22d instant.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the resolution read.

Mr. Sweat moved to strike out "22d instant."

Mr. McRoberts moved the previous question; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question being then taken upon the motion to strike out "22d instant," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Cavarly, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Noble, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—22.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—30.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Webb and Wilcox—5.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The order of business was suspended, and the Senate resolved itself into committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a convention," together with the amendment offered thereto by Mr. Judd, Mr. Webb in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked and obtained leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The Senate again resolved itself into a committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the same subject, Mr. McRoberts in the Chair.

After some time spent, and some progress having been made, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked and obtained leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Said bill and amendment were made the special order of the day for each future afternoon, until the consideration of the subject is finished.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James B. Lovell, late of the county of Fulton, deceased; which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to allow American subscribers to the Canal loan of \$1,600,000, the same privilege or right conferred upon foreign subscribers;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Markley presented the remonstrance of citizens of Fulton county, against a division of said county; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. McMillan presented two several petitions of citizens of Henderson county, for the removal of the county seat thereof; which, without reading, were

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Catlin presented the petition of John Reynolds, for relief; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of the State Medical Convention, relating to the insane; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Boal, was

Referred to the select committee on the Insane.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of the citizens of Rockford, relative to the Rockford Hydraulic Company; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of ninety citizens of the county of Boone, praying that the Judge of the sixth judicial circuit in this State, may be addressed from office; and consideration of the petition informally passed over.

Mr. Boal presented the following petitions, relative to the Insane: Rock River Medical Society; Morgan County Medical Society; Edward Mead and others, Physicians; and L. Duncan and others, Physicians; which, without reading, were,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Referred to the select committee on the Insane.

Mr. Reddick presented the petition of John G. Nuttinger and others, citizens of La Salle county, praying that moral and religious instruction be imparted to the convicts in the penitentiary; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act extending the limits of the fifth judicial circuit," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as amended by the House of Representatives, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred sundry petitions of citizens of the counties of Lee, De Kalb and La Salle, praying for the erection of a new county, to be called Eagle, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged; and the petitions,

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Withdrawn.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances, relative to the navigation of Rock river, and an extension of the charter of the Rockford Hydraulic Company, reported the same back, accompanied with a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the rapids in Rock river, at Rockford, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company,' approved February 11th, 1845;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of George Scott and 26 others, praying that a part of La Salle county be attached to Putnam county, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petition,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, which had been instructed, by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of amending the 28th chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to amend the 28th chapter of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the communication from the Secretary of State, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act in relation to the Secretary of State;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The order of business was suspended, and the petition of S. M. Tinsley & Co., for relief, presented by him; which was read; and the accompanying papers, also presented by him, together with the petition,

On his motion,

Referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

Mr. Cavarly, from the joint select committee appointed to visit and examine the State Penitentiary, made a report; which was read, in part, when,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The reading was dispensed with, and the report laid on the table, and 3000 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection, the following preamble and resolutions, offered by Mr. Constable, were read, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, During the expedition under Gen. George Rogers Clark, in 1788-9, known as the "Illinois Campaign," the forces under him suffered so great privations and encountered such difficulties, as promised to render abortive the purposes thereof:

And whereas, Nothing but the aid and advances of certain individuals, then residents of the Territory, among whom none acted more patriotically and generously than Francis Vigo and the ancient inhabitants of Kaskaskia, rescued the troops from disaster and probable destruction, and secured in the State of Virginia a successful consummation of the purposes of the campaign:

And whereas, Virginia has heretofore "audited and settled" the claims preferred against her on account of the aforesaid advances, the payment of which has devolved upon the United States by virtue of the cession of the country, then rescued from the armed occupation of the English and Indians combined:

And whereas, The United States, notwithstanding their legal and equitable obligation to liquidate the said claims, having at repeated investigations, through committees in Congress, acknowledged the validity thereof, have neglected to discharge the same, although there now remains no reasonable excuse for further delay in their adjustment and payment, the government having already received millions of dollars from the sale of the lands acquired in the aforesaid cession from Virginia, on which said claims were and are subsisting equitable liens; and no reason now being offered for such delay by any, save that based upon the antiquity of such claims, a reason addressing itself only to a mind unwilling to perform an

act of justice, and unworthy the regard of a high minded and grateful nation and government: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use all proper exertions to secure the early adjustment and payment of all such claims as are comprehended within the terms of the foregoing preamble.

Resolved, That the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, at as early a day as practicable, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in their adoption.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act concerning Chancery Practice;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act concerning Practice;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend sections 79 and 80 of the 119th chapter of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to provide compensation for Assessors;" which was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change a portion of the location of a State road therein mentioned;" which was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The order of business of business was suspended, and,

Mr. Gillespie, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills, on third reading:

"An act to incorporate the Union County Charcoal Road Company," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

"An act to allow John Crenshaw to liquidate the amount he owes the State," was read the third time.

Mr. Sweat moved the previous question; and

The same was ordered.

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—27.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Harris and Sweat—6.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member of that body:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to authorize the repairing of the Governor's house."

The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to amend the Practice act;"

"An act making appropriations for the purposes therein specified;"

"An act in relation to tenants in common;"

"An act for an equitable division of the school funds belonging to town 1 S., R. 5 W.;"

"An act to change certain names therein mentioned;"

"An act to vacate a certain public street or alley, in Sim's addition to the town of Canton;"

"An act to authorize Harley Ives to establish a ferry on the Mississippi river, at New Boston;"

"An act to establish a ferry therein named;"

"An act providing for the payment of the costs of printing, in the German language, the messages of Governors Ford and French;" and

"An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the county of Iroquois."

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to legalize the assessment of property and collection of taxes in the county of Iroquois," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Killpatrick moved a call of the Senate; which proceeded.

Pending the call,

On motion of Mr. Noble,

Bills, entitled

"An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Vandruff's island, in Rock Island county, and to incorporate the Rock Island City Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" and

"An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Sterling, Whiteside county, and to incorporate the Sterling Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" also,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The bill entitled "An act to authorize George H. Norris to build a bridge across the Illinois river, at Ottawa;"

Were severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate were dispensed with.

According to special order,

The Senate resolved itself into committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a convention," and the amendment offered to the same, Mr. Matteson in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked and obtained leave to sit again.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill for "An

act to attach the county of Boone to the seventh judicial circuit;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Markley presented the petition of citizens of Fulton county, praying for a division of said county, and also, the remonstrance of citizens of the same county, against such division, which without reading, were,

On motion of Mr. Markley,
Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Wilcox presented the petition of citizens of Kane county for a State road, which without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,
Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several laws in this State, relative to Roads," reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading as amended.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide compensation for assessors," reported the same back, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Reddick, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to pay William E. Armstrong and others, the amount of a certain judgments," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Wilcox, from the select committee of Conference, which was appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives, upon the subject of the disagreeing vote relative to the apportionment of representation in the General Assembly, of this State, made report, recommending nineteen thousand as the basis of apportionment for a Senator, and six thousand five hundred as the basis of apportionment for a representative.

Mr. Warren moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize District No. 1, in Oswego Precinct in Kendall county, to build a School House, by tax;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the securities of Amos H. Squire, deceased;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to compensate the Superintendent of Common Schools for past services;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to abolish the corporation of the town of Carrollton;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate, were dispensed with.

The question pending before the call of the Senate, being upon concurring in the report of the committee of conference relative to the apportionment of representation in the General Assembly,

Mr. Allison moved to lay the report on the table until the fourth day of July next;

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Stephenson, Warren and Webb—17.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—18.

And the question being then taken upon concurring in the report of the committee, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Boal, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Stephenson, Warren and Webb—17.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in their amendments to bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend the twelfth section of the act, entitled 'An act to establish and maintain Common Schools,' approved February 23th, A. D., 1845;"

"An act to authorize the legal voters of McHenry county to elect school directors, and to raise money to build school houses;"

"An act concerning the assessment of property, and for the relief of the Sheriff of Richland county, for 1846;"

"An act to confer certain rights on Mary Ann Hick, and the heirs at law of William Hick, deceased;"

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Literary and Historical Society;"

"An act allowing persons arrested on criminal charges to remove the place of examination as therein provided;"

"An act to transcribe certain records in Greene county."

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate Mt. Carmel in Wabash county;"

"An act relating to the qualification of certain officers therein named;"

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of the supervisor of the town of Winchester;"

"An act to authorize the Governor to pay certain drafts held by Messrs. Lyon and Howard."

The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented, for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of Jo Daviess county, to distribute school funds therein mentioned;"

"An act to relocate so much of the State road as lies between Worcester post office in McDonough county and the county line of Hancock county;"

"An act for the relief of George Pasfield;"

"An act relating to supervisors of roads, and those liable to do road labor in Stephenson county."

The House of Representatives have unanimously concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the preamble and resolutions upon the subject of claims growing out of the "Illinois Campaign," under General George Rogers Clark, in 1778-'9, and instructing our Senators, &c., in relation thereto.

The House have also concurred with the Senate in the adoption of their

resolution asking Congress to donate land to aid in the completion of the Northern Cross and Central railroads.

The House have also concurred with the Senate in the adoption of their resolution, to include in one law the changes that may be made in the present school law.

The House have laid on the table a Senate bill for "An act to change the times of holding circuit courts in the county of Wayne."

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to fund State Scrip," reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Sanger, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to allow American subscribers to the Canal Loan of \$1,000 000 the same privilege or right conferred upon foreign subscribers," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the city of Alton," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on their third reading:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act in relation to Secretary of State,'" was read a third time.

Mr. Webb moved to recommit the bill to the committee on Finance, with instructions to strike out the words, "And that he shall be allowed five hundred dollars for clerk hire, during the same time."

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Houston, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Leviston, Smith, Stephenson and Webb—15.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Bills entitled:

"An act to authorize the School Trustees of T. 13. N. R. 10 E. of the 4th Principal Meridian to establish a ferry across the Illinois River;"

"An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois River, at Henry, in Marshall county," and

"An act to locate a State road and build a bridge," were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to attach the county of Boone to the seventh Judicial Circuit," was taken up read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act to incorporate the Danville Manufacturing and Exporting Company," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Huffman, a member:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate, that the House of Representatives have passed a bill for "An act making partial appropriations," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making partial appropriations," was taken up, and read.

Mr. Dougherty moved to lay the bill on the table, until the fourth day of July next,

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, and the bill

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Killpatrick to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures in place of Mr. Henry, resigned.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of William Kinney, deceased," as amended by them; in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The bill of the Senate, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of William Kinney, deceased," was taken up, read, and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making partial appropriations," reported the same back, and recommended its passage; and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Madison Ferry Company,'" was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

According to special order,

The Senate resolved itself into committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a convention," and the amendment offered to the same, Mr. Matteson in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported the bill and amendment back to the Senate, and asked for and received a discharge from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

Mr. Powers presented the petition of sundry citizens of Woodford county, praying the location of a State road from Bloomington, McLean county, to Springfield Bay, in Woodford county; the reading of which

On motion of Mr. Powers, was dispensed with, and

Referred to the Joint Select committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Judd presented the memorial and proceedings of a meeting of a part of the citizens of Chicago, against the proposed amendment of the city charter; which, without reading, was

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of citizens of Marshall county, praying for a State road from Henry, to the mouth of Rock river, which, without reading, was

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Rockford, relative to a Female Seminary, to be located in said town, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rockford Female Seminary;" which was read; on motion, by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Powers, from the committee on Finance, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the compensation of county assessors, by allowing a certain sum per tract, &c. reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged; and the resolution,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several laws in this State relative to Roads," was taken up, read, and,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act for the relief of Levi W. Riley," and

"An act to vacate the town plat of Delavan, in Fulton county."

The House have adopted resolutions, herewith submitted, instructing our Senators, &c. to endeavor to procure the repeal of the resolution adopted by Congress, depriving the State of Illinois of a portion of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands appropriated for school purposes.

In the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Constable, on leave, presented the memorial of Miss Dix, relative to the condition and discipline of the State Penitentiary; the reading of which,

On his motion,

Was dispensed with, and the memorial laid on the table, and 3000 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a Convention," with the amendments offered by Mr. Judd, as reported yesterday by a committee of the whole Senate, coming up for consideration; and the question pending thereon, being upon striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and adding the said amendment in lieu of the part

stricken out, Mr. Judd called for a division of that question, so that the vote might be taken first on the proposition to strike out.

Mr. Harris moved a call of the Senate; which proceeded.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Davis of Hancock, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act for the assessment and collection of revenue, for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847;'" which was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the petition in relation to the Sangamon river, on leave, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act concerning the Sangamon river, approved March 3d, 1845;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title' and,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the rapids in Rock river, at Rockford, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic Manufacturing Company, approved February 11th, 1845,'" was taken up, and read a second time by its title.

Mr. Miller moved that the bill be amended as follows:

Strike out all after the word "lock," in the 6th line of the 3d section, and add the following in lieu of the part stricken out:

"Or such lock as may be ordered by the Board of Commissioners, for the improvement of Rock river, as hereinafter provided, said company, shall at all times maintain the lock or locks, which shall be built pursuant to the requisitions of this act, and keep the same in good condition, tend the same, and give free of charge, a safe and speedy passage to all boats, rafts, and other water craft, navigating said river; and in case of the overflow of land caused by said dam, or injury done to water craft by detention or otherwise, or any damages which may accrue to any person by reason of the neglect or violation by said company, of any of the provisions of this act, the private stockholders of said company shall be liable for

all such damages : *Provided*, That it shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners, for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river, to meet at said town of Rockford, on the first Wednesday in April, A. D., 1847, or so soon thereafter as they shall deem advisable, and examine the navigation of said river, at Rockford aforesaid; and if said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, on such examination, be of opinion that the navigation of said river, and the public convenience arising therefrom, will be better secured by building said lock in said dam, rather than in said canal, then, and in such case, said Board of Commissioners shall order said company to construct said lock, in said dam; and serve on the Secretary of said company, a copy of said order, containing such specifications as to the location, dimensions and finish of said lock, as said Board shall think proper for securing the free and unobstructed navigation of said river.

Should said Board make the order aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said company to construct said lock in said dam, in compliance with said order, within the year aforesaid, and on completing said lock, in said dam, as aforesaid, then said company shall not be required to make said canal navigable or construct a lock in the same; and should said Board make said order, and said company fail to comply therewith, all the rights, privileges and immunities, conferred by this act, and those to which this is amendatory, shall be forfeited;" and

On motion,

The bill, and proposed amendment, were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Further proceedings, under the call were dispensed with.

The question pending, when the call of the Senate commenced, was upon the motion of Mr. Judd, to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a convention;" it was put, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sweat and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Gillespie, Harson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—16.

Mr. Harris moved to amend the amendment by inserting the words "August" and "seven," in the blanks of the first section.

Mr. Cavarly moved to insert "third Monday in April, and "seven."

Mr. Constable called for a division of the question;

And the same being first taken on inserting the word "August" it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Coudy, Denny, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, and Sweat—13.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Houston, Lev-

iston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Noble, Powers, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—24.

Mr. Constable moved to insert the words "first Monday in May."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending before the adjournment, was upon the motion of Mr. Constable, to amend the first section of the amendment offered by Mr. Judd, to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a Convention," by inserting the words "first Monday in May;"

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Dougherty, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Powers, Reddick and Webb—10.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—26.

Mr. Cavarly modified his motion to make it one to insert "Second Monday of April."

Mr. Catlin moved to insert the "third Monday of April."

Mr. Boal moved to insert the "third Wednesday in April."

The question being then taken upon the motion to insert the words "third Monday of April," it was decided in the affirmative.

And the question being then taken upon the motion to insert the word "seven," in the second blank of the first section, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The words "and union," were stricken from the third section.

Mr. Cavarly moved to fill the first blank in the fifth section by inserting the words "second Monday in May."

Mr. Constable moved to insert the word "June."

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Judd moved to insert the words "last Monday of May."

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The vote taken on inserting the word "June," was rescinded.

And the question being then taken on filling the blank with the word "June," it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Leviston, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Warren and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Davis of Hancock, Houston, McMillan, Markley, Smith and Sutphin—11.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The second blank in the said fifth section, was filled by inserting the word "seven."

Mr. Dougherty moved to fill the blank in the sixth section, by inserting the "first Monday in December, 1847."

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved to strike out all between the words "held" and "and every," and insert, "at such time as may be fixed upon or specified by said convention."

The question being then taken upon the motion to insert the words "first Monday of December, 1847," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Noble, Powers, Reddick and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—19.

Mr. Constable moved to insert the words "first Monday in November, 1847."

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Noble, Powers and Smith—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Killpatrick, Markley, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—19.

Mr. Harris called for a division of the question.

The question being first taken on striking out, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Houston, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—16.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Noble, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Sutphin—21.

Mr. Dougherty moved to fill the blank, by inserting the words "fourth Monday in October, 1847."

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The vote taken on striking out, after the word "held," was reconsidered.

The question being then taken upon the motion to insert the words "fourth Monday in October, 1847," it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, Smith, Sweat and Webb—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Markley, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—16.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

Mr. Markley presented the petition of Sanford H. White and 39 others of Fulton county, praying for a division thereof; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Boal presented the petition of citizens of Marshall county, praying for a continuation of the State Road from Peoria, via Lacon and Henry, to intersect the State Road to Hennepin; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Matteson presented the petition of Jonathan Barrett and 96 others of Will county, for alterations in the license law; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Referred to the select committee, to which was referred petitions of a similar character; and, also, the memorial of the Illinois State Temperance Society.

Mr. Allison presented the petition of citizens of Edgar county, for alterations in the school law; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Allison,

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Reddick presented the petition of Theron D. Brewster, and other citizens of Peru, La Salle county, praying that moral and religious instruction be imparted to the inmates of the Penitentiary; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Cavarly presented the memorial of W. S. Wait and others, the committee appointed at a meeting of citizens of Bond county, upon the subject of the Atlantic and St. Louis Rail Road Company, which was read.

Mr. Coudy moved to refer the memorial to the committee on Incorporations.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to incorporate the Kankakee and Iroquois Navigation and Manufacturing Company," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

"An act establishing the county seat of Whiteside county;"

"An act to incorporate the Kankakee and Iroquois Navigation and Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to amend the seventh section of a law concerning revenue, approved March 3, 1845" and

"An act to amend 'An act for the relief of the heirs of Tyler D. Hewitt, deceased.'"

Mr. Edwards, from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, to which was referred the claim of S. M. Tinsley & Co., reported a bill, entitled "An act to adjust the lease and claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co. on the Northern Cross Rail Road;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Sanger from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, reported a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to refund certain moneys;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the petition of Joseph S. Jackson, reported the same back,

with a bill, entitled "An act to authorize Joseph S. Jackson to build a dam across the Kaskaskia river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dougherty from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Madison Ferry Company,'" reported the same back, recommended its passage, and the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dougherty, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Clair County Turnpike Company," reported the same back, and recommended its passage; the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred sundry petitions relative to the change of a Turnpike road, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to relocate a part of the Darwin and Charleston Turnpike Road, lying in Coles county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren, Hanson and Allison, be such committee.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, report, as correctly enrolled, an act, entitled "An act extending the limits of the fifth Judicial Circuit, and fixing the time of holding courts therein," and that the same has been laid before the Council of Revision.

Also, preamble and resolutions on the subject of claims, growing out of the Illinois campaign, under Gen. George Rogers Clarke, in 1778-9, and have this day laid the same before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill for "An act to amend 'An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the militia, called into service by the commander in-chief, during the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, in force February 26, 1845,"

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the redemption of lands sold for taxes," reported the same back with an amendment.

And the question being then taken on concurring with the committee, in their amendment, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Dunlap, Harris, McRoberts, Matteson, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sweat and Wilcox—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Smith, Sutphin and Warren—2.

And the question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Smith, Sutphin and Warren—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Dunlap, Harris, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sweat and Wilcox—15.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Boal, from the select committee, consisting of the Senators from the ninth Judicial Circuit, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to change the times of holding the circuit courts of the ninth Judicial Circuit," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The order of business was suspended, and a bill, entitled "An act to attach the county of Shelby to the 8th Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes," on leave, was introduced by him, read, and

Ordered to a second reading

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren, Powers and Edwards, be such committee.

Mr. Constable, from the select committee of nine, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Illinois Retreat for the Insane," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Constable, from the same committee, made report, accompanied with a bill, entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The report was also laid on the table, and 3,000 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the same use.

Mr. Noble, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to reduce the price of the State lands, in the Dixon United States Land District;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, the following:

"An act to authorize the Governor to pay certain drafts held Messrs. Lyon and Howard," and presented to the Council of Revision on the 4th inst.

February 6, 1847.

Mr. Denny moved that the Senate adjourn.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, upon Executive business.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The same was acted on with open doors, and read as follows :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, February 4, 1847.

To the Senate :

I nominate Ralph Hamlin, to be Notary Public for the county of Peoria.

Amos B. Coon, to be Notary Public for the county of McHenry.

Edward L. Mayo, to be Notary Public for the county of De Kalb.

William B. Parker, to be Notary Public and Public Administrator for the county of Tazewell.

Joseph C. Wheeler, to be Notary Public and Public Administrator for the county of Fayette.

Daniel Howell, to be Notary Public for the county of Boone.

James McCoy, to be Notary Public for the county of Whiteside.

George T. Brown, to be Notary Public for Lower Alton, in the county of Madison

Charles Hedenburgh, to be Public Administrator for the county of Brown.

Daniel Robbins, to be Notary Public for the county of De Witt.

James Ewart, to be Notary Public and Public Administrator for the county of Cumberland.

William H. Benneson, to be Notary Public for the city of Quincy, in the county of Adams.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Were severally advised and consented to.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a Convention," and the amendments thereto, were taken up.

And the question being on striking out all between the words "held" and "and every," and insert "at such time as may be fixed upon or specified by said convention,"

And being then put, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Houston, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Noble, Stephenson, Sweat and Warren—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Leviston, Matteson, Morrison, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin and Wilcox—21.

Mr. Constable moved to amend the proviso of the sixth section, as follows:

Strike out "or," between "time" and "manner," and insert instead the words, "for holding the election on the;"

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The last section was stricken out, and the following added in lieu of it:

"The public printer is hereby authorized to publish 10,000 copies for distribution by the members of the Legislature. The Secretary of State shall cause to be transmitted to the several Clerks of the County Commissioners' Court, in this State, such a number of copies of this act, as shall be sufficient to supply the several officers, who are to perform duties under this law, and the said Clerks shall distribute the same to such officers."

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The words "Du Page two members," were stricken out, and the words "Du Page one member, and Du Page and Will together, one member," inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The word "Marion," after the words "Marion one member and," was stricken out, and the word "Perry" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The words "three members," after the word "Adams," were stricken out, and the words "two members, and Adams and Marquette together, one member," inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The words "two members," after the word "Brown," were stricken out, and the words "one member, and Brown and Schuyler together, two members," inserted in lieu thereof.

Mr. Davis of Massac, moved to strike out, after the word "Hancock," the words "five members," and insert, in lieu thereof, the words "four members, and Jefferson, Franklin, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson and Massac, one member," in lieu thereof; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Leviston, Stephenson and Webb—11.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller Morrison, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—23.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative.

And the question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Edwards, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Leviston, Stephenson, Warren and Webb—12.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly enrolled, the following:

"Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, for grant of lands;" and this day laid the same before the Governor.

February 6, 1817.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Markley presented the petition of 111 citizens of Fulton county, for a division of the same; and also, the remonstrance of 16 citizens of said county, against such division; the reading of which,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Was dispensed with, and the petition and remonstrance,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Sutphin presented a petition for the vacation of streets, in the town of Pittsfield, Pike county; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Sanger presented the remonstrance of citizens of Jo Daviess county, against a division of the same; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. McRoberts presented the petition of sundry citizens of Vermilion county, praying for the location of a State road; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to compensate the superintendent of common schools, for past services," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee was thereupon accordingly discharged, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Webb, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Edgar county, praying for a change of the school laws, reported the same back, and asked for and obtained a discharge from its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The petition, on leave, was, withdrawn.

Mr. McMillan, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, for authority to sell school lands in town 24 north, range 3 east, at the town of Savanna, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the petition,

On motion of Mr. McMillan, was,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the same committee, to which was referred the report of the directors of the Illinois Asylum, reported the same back, and were discharged from its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,
Said report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The order of business was suspended, and the rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On his motion,

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein,
That the committee on the Penitentiary be authorized to have a joint session with the standing committee of the House, and also the select committee of both houses on that subject, and make their joint report as soon as practicable to either House.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its adoption.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the twelfth section of the ninety-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act concerning common schools,'" reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Noble, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolutions of a meeting of citizens of Cass county, reported the same back, and were discharged from their further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to establish district courts in the State of Illinois," reported the same back, with amendments, which amendments, were concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill, as amended, read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask there concurrence in the amendments therein.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Kane county, for a State road, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to locate a State road therein name.1;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on School lands and Education, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Champaign county, praying the passage of an act to allow them to pay interest on money borrowed from the school fund, at the expiration of each year, instead of every six months, reported the same back, and were discharged from its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Warren, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to attach the county of Shelby to the 8th Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Miller, from the select committee to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to provide for the maintenance of the Rockford Bridge," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

And, the question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of the County Commissioners of the county of Calhoun, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Calhoun county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill for "An act supplemental to 'An act extending the limits of the fifth Judicial Circuit, and fixing the times of holding courts therein.

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Coudy, from the joint select committee which had been instructed by resolution, &c. reported a bill, entitled "An act changing the time of holding the Circuit Court in the second Judicial Circuit;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Resolved, That the committee on Salines and Saline lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of selling the Saline Lands and wells, belonging to the State; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hanson, offered for adoption, the following preamble and resolutions, which, under the rule, lie one day on the table:

WHEREAS, it is the true and best policy of the people of the Illinois, to build up towns and cities in their own State, and not pursue a course of policy, tending to foster, build up, and contribute to the wealth and prosperity of towns and cities in other States, to the great injury of towns and cities in the State of Illinois. *And whereas*, The State of Illinois, after granting to the United States the right of way, for the purpose of locating, opening and constructing the great Cumberland Road through said State and after the United States had appropriated and expended several hundred thousand dollars, in opening and constructing said road to the town of Vandalia, the Legislature of Illinois did wisely adopt a resolution, resolving "that the United States should terminate said Cumberland Road at Alton, on the eastern bank of the Mississippi river, and at no other point," thereby preventing the terminus of said road opposite the city of St. Louis, in Missouri, and securing to the city of Alton, all the rights, privileges, profits and advantages, arising from travel and transportation, upon said road. *And whereas*, It is highly detrimental and injurious to the great interests and prosperity of the State of Illinois to grant the right of way to other States, or incorporated companies and capitalists from other States, for the purpose of constructing a *Rail Road* through the State of Illinois, in a direction from Terre Haute, in Indiana, to St. Louis, in Missouri, by which said company would have a most profitable investment, and a great thoroughfare opened up for the speedy and cheap transportation of produce and merchandize, east and west, from the Atlantic cities to the Mississippi river; by which, also, the citizens of southern Illinois would be greatly benefited in travelling and transportation upon said road, and thereby contribute to the prosperity and welfare of towns and cities without the limits of Illinois, to the great injury of the city of Alton, and other towns in this State. *And whereas*, there are many roads and public highways, laid out by the authorities of the State of Illinois, all of which have been opened and are now kept in repair by the labor and money of citizens of Illinois, which terminate opposite the city of St. Louis, and upon which travel, and transportation of produce belonging to the farmers of Illinois, is pouring constantly into the city of St. Louis, to the great injury and disadvantage of the city of Alton.

In view, therefore, of such a ruinous course of policy and evils growing out of the same, to the city of Alton, too obvious to be controverted.—And in view of carrying out the principles, precepts and examples, hitherto advocated, laid down, and marked out, by wise and prudent Legislation. Therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads, be instructed to report a bill at an early day, *providing* for a change in the direction of all public roads and highways, now leading directly to the city of St. Louis, and cause the same to lead to, and terminate at the city of Alton; and, also, that they provide in said bill, for the vacation of such roads as terminate opposite the city of St. Louis; and that the causeways, culverts and bridges, on said roads, thus vacated, be destroyed, to prevent travel and transportation of produce to the city of St. Louis; and that, hereafter, the travel and transportation of all produce, hitherto taken to St. Louis, go to that great commercial point, Alton; and that in future, citizens of Illinois, trading to the city of St. Louis, and not to Alton, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the preamble and resolutions taken up, and read.

Mr. Hanson asked leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. McRoberts moved to lay the preamble and resolutions on the table.

And the question being then taken, on granting leave to Mr. Hanson to withdraw the said preamble and resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Smith, Stephenson and Webb—13.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Francis Xavier Female Academy, of Chicago, Illinois;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Davis of Massac, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Peruvian Mining Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize Benjamin W. Raymond, Joseph Tefft and Truman Gilbert, to build a dam across Fox river, in Kane county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Timothy Lasey;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to alter and regulate the practice in the Supreme Court;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Galena Hydraulic Company;" which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the election of Supervisors of Roads;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act giving additional power and authority to the city council of the city of Peoria,'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Allen, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter eight of the Revised Statutes;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dennis, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Augustus Martin;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act requiring notice to be given previous to private acts being passed;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, presented the petition of William L. Parsons and others, that religious instruction be given to the convicts in the Penitentiary; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

Referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading:

"An act to fund State scrip;"

"An act to amend the revenue;"

"An act to incorporate the Rockford Female Seminary;"

"An act to allow American subscribers to the canal loan of \$1,600,000, the same privilege or right conferred upon foreign subscribers;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Amos H. Squire, deceased;"

"An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the city of Alton," and

"An act to provide compensation for Assessors," were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

"An act for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to incorporate subordinate Lodges of the same order," was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The title was amended, so as to read

"An act for the incorporation of the Grand and subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois."

Ordered, That the title thereof be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Senate bills, on second reading:

"An act to amend the 28th chapter of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to pay John and Thomas Lonergan an amount that is honestly due them," and

"An act to authorize Joseph S. Jackson to build a dam across the Kaskaskia river," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Bills of the House of Representatives on third reading:

"An act to incorporate the Boston and Elizabeth Mining Company of South Illinois," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Bills of the House of Representatives on second reading:

"An act to provide for vacating town plats," was read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor upon Executive business.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The same was acted upon with open doors, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, February 8, 1847.

To the Senate :

I nominate Daniel Curtis, for Public Administrator for the county of Will, vice Amos F. Patrick, removed from the county.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Said nomination was advised and consented to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Huffman, a member:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the adoption of their resolution, authorizing the committees on the Penitentiary of the two Houses, to hold a joint session with the select committee on that subject, and to report to either House as soon as practicable.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Gillespie, from the committee on the Penitentiary, to which was referred sundry petitions, resolutions, etc., reported a bill, entitled "An act concerning the Penitentiary;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The following was added as a proviso to the second section:

"*Provided*, That the expenditures herein authorized shall in no event exceed the bonus due, and to become due, the State, from the present Lessee."

Mr. Dougherty moved the following amendment, as an additional section:

"SECTION —. If the Inspectors shall receive or pay for materials furnished, or work performed under the provisions of this act, which work, or materials, shall not be of the best quality to be procured, they shall forfeit to the State three times the amount of the damage thereby sustained by the State."

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved to lay the amendment offered by Mr. Dougherty, on the table.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Leviston, Markley, Stephenson and Warren—12.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—29.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Leviston, Markley and Warren—9.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled as follows, viz:

"An act to amend 'An act relative to Justices of the Peace and Constables, approved March 3, 1845;'"

"An act for the relief of Isaac Dement;"

"An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act making further provision for the education of the Deaf and Dumb;"

"An act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Marion;"

"An act to protect the interests of orphans and minors, and for other purposes;"

"An act to vacate a certain alley in the town of Rushville, in Schuyler county;"

"An act making compensation to Stevens and Trenchery, of Alton, for storage on Rail Road Iron;"

"An act to provide for the sale of a part of the Northern Cross Rail Road;"

"An act for the benefit of James Marion Nelson, a minor;"

"An act forming the village of Prairie Du Pont, into a school district;"

"An act to incorporate the Lawrenceville Æsculapian Medical Society;"

- “An act in relation to the records of Peoria county;”
- “An act to amend the several acts in relation to Public Roads;”
- “An act concerning certain townships therein named, in Cass county;”
- “An act to incorporate the Griggsville cemetery;”
- “An act authorizing the Governor to preserve the State arms;”
- “An act more explicitly defining the times of holding courts in the fourth Judicial Circuit;”
- “An act regulating the sale of real estate of infants;”
- “An act authorizing Silas Beebe to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;”
- “An act declaring a certain road therein named a State Road;”
- “An act to establish a State road from Jacksonville to Alton;”
- “An act to amend the law in relation to marriages;”
- “An act for the benefit of the heirs of George Morris, deceased, late of Effingham county,” and
- “An act to incorporate Lodge No. 7 of the Independent order of Odd Fellows, in the town of Belleville.”

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled “An act to incorporate the Kankakee and Iroquois Navigation and Manufacturing Company,” reported the same back and recommended its passage, and the bill was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dougherty from the same committee to which was referred the bill, entitled “An act supplementary to ‘An act to incorporate the city of Chicago, approved March 4, 1837,’ ” reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Dougherty from the same committee to which was referred the bill, entitled “An act to incorporate the University of Chicago,” reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which were referred bills, entitled

“An act to incorporate the Peruvian Mining Company;”

“An act to incorporate the Galena Hydraulic Company,” and

"An act supplemental to 'An act giving additional power and authority to the city council of the city of Peoria,'" reported the same back, severally, to the Senate, and recommended their passage.

Ordered, That said bills be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize School District, No. 1, in Oswego precinct, in Kendall county, to build a school house by tax," reported the same back to the Senate, with a substitute therefor, which was adopted, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the communication of the Governor, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act to dispose of personal property belonging to the State, and for other purposes therein named;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Webb, Boal and McRoberts, be such committee.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to compensate the Superintendent of Common Schools for past services," reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Cavarly, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Powers, Stephenson and Warren—15.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Francis Xavier Female Academy of Chicago, Illinois," reported the same back, without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to commute the punishment of John Baxter, by putting him in the penitentiary during life instead of hanging;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act more explicitly defining the times of holding courts in the fourth Judicial Circuit," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a Convention," was taken up.

Mr. Sweat moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making compensation to Stevens & Trenchery, of Alton, for storage on Rail Road Iron," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Hainesville Academy, in Lake county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Leviston, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate Cave-in-Rock Mining Company;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney of the Joe Daviess county court;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Powers, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish and maintain common schools;" which,

On motion of Mr. Powers, was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Peoria Female Seminary;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The bill, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the Rapids in Rock river, at Rockford, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic Manufacturing Company, approved February 11th, 1845,'" and the amendment thereto, were taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Said bill was amended, by striking out the amendment, and all after the enacting clause, and adding a substitute, as follows:

"SECTION 1. That the time limited by the fifth section of the act to which this is amendatory, as the time of completing the improvements required to be completed in said section, is hereby extended to the first day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

"SEC. 2. The County Commissioners of the counties of Winnebago, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside, shall respectively, at their next March term, appoint one person in each county, to be special commissioner, who, together with William Gooding, Chief Engineer on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, or in case he cannot attend, such other practical engineer as the said special commissioners may select, shall constitute a board of special commissioners, and shall meet at Rockford, in said county of Winnebago, on the first Wednesday in April next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and after carefully examining the improvements and condition of the navigation of said river at Rockford, and taking into consideration the rights and interests, both of the public and of said company, shall determ-

ine the size and location of the lock or locks, required by said fifth section, and whether the same shall be placed in said dam or canal, or at any other point above or below said Rapids; and said company, upon being served with a copy of the decision of said commissioners, shall proceed to construct the same as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, That the special commissioners, so to be appointed, shall not be persons, now or hereafter, constituting the 'Board of Commissioners for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river.'

"**SEC. 3.** It is hereby made the duty of the commissioners, so to be appointed in said county of Winnebago, to notify the said William Gooding, or such other Engineer as may be selected, of the time and place of meeting of said commissioners; and said board, or a majority of them, may adjourn from time to time, until they shall make their final decision: *Provided*, The same shall be made by the fifteenth day of May next; and when they shall have made their decision, they shall certify the amount of their compensation to the Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners, for the improvement of the navigation of Rock river, who is hereby authorized and required to pay them, respectively, the amount so certified.

"**SEC. 4.** If the said company shall fail to complete the said improvements required by the said fifth section, as shall be directed by said special commissioners, by the time herein limited, then all rights, benefits and privileges granted by this act, and the act to which this is amendatory, shall be forfeited.

"**SEC. 5.** The said company are hereby required to have, keep and maintain, in their said dam, such a stride or shoot, as will be sufficient to enable all caibs or rafts descending said river, to pass said dam speedily and without injury, and to keep and maintain in good and navigable order, and give free and safe passage through said canal and lock, at all times during the season of navigation; and in case any loss or damages should accrue to any person, by reason of said company neglecting to keep said slide or shoot, or canal and lock in repair, said company shall be liable for all such loss or damages, to be sued for by the injured party; and upon failure to collect the damages so recovered of said company, then the private property of the stockholders thereof shall be liable to execution for the same.

"**SEC. 6.** Should said special commissioners, or a majority of them, direct said company to construct said lock in said dam, without contemplating said canal or canals as means of navigation, then said company, on constructing said lock as directed, and within the time herein limited, shall not be required to make either of said canals navigable, or build locks in the same.

"**SEC. 7.** This is hereby declared a public act, to be received and used in all courts, without proving or pleading the same, and shall take effect from and after its passage."

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading as amended.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On leave, and the rule having been, without objection, dispensed with,
On motion of Mr. Boal,

Resolved, That the Hon. William Slade be invited to take a seat within the bar of the Senate, whenever it may suit his convenience.

The like leave, the rule having been dispensed with,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the Secretary of State furnish the Cincinnati Historical and Agricultural Society, a copy of the laws, journals and reports, of the present session of the General Assembly.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That the School Commissioners of the several counties of this State, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to call, at least annually, county common school conventions, in their respective counties; and that they recommend at such conventions, the formation of county education societies, auxiliary to the Illinois State Education Society.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate, were dispensed with.

The question being then taken on the motion of Mr. Judd, to suspend the order of business, and take up the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a convention," it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion,

Said bill was read a third time by its title;

And the question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Denny, Edwards, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Stephenson, Warren and Webb—15.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Davis of Massac, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to empower the Guardian of the heirs of William Hick, deceased, to sell and convey certain real estate therein mentioned, &c.;" which was read, on motion, by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the protection of the estates and families of habitual drunkards;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Catlin, on leave, offered for adoption, the following:

Resolved, by the Senate, (the House concurring herein,) That the Congress of the United States be permitted, and the right is hereby granted, to run and continue the Great National Road, running from Wheeling in Virginia, to Columbus in Ohio, Indianapolis in Indiana, and Vandalia in Illinois, through the State of Illinois, in any direction, and to any point they may judge for the public good, any law or resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Warren moved that the rule be dispensed with, and the resolution be now considered.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Killpatrick and Webb—8.

Mr. Gillespie moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

And the question being taken on said motion, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Webb—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Hanson, Houston, Leviston, Reddick, Sweat and Warren—9.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, bills of the following titles:

"An act to extend the jurisdiction of the supervisors of the town of Winchester;"

"An act relating to the qualification of certain officers therein named;"

"An act to authorize the repairing of the Governor's House;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate Mount Carmel, in Wabash county;'"

And that said bills have been laid before the Council of Revision, this day; also,

"An act for the relief of the heirs of William Kinney, deceased."

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on their third reading:

"An act to pay John and Thomas Lonergan an amount that is honestly due them;"

"An act to locate a State road therein named;"

"An act to authorize Joseph S. Jackson to build a dam across the Kaskaskia river," were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act establishing the county seat of Whiteside county," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Ordered, That the House of Representatives be respectfully requested to return to the Senate, a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a convention," in order to correct a clerical error in not properly entering the amendment adopted on the motion of the Senator from Brown.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act to authorize School District No. 1, in Oswego Precinct, Kendall county, to build a school house, by tax;"

"An act supplemental to 'An act giving additional power and authority to the city council of the city of Peoria,'" and

"An act for the benefit of Calhoun county," were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to provide for vacating town plats," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to establish a State Road from Springfield to Alton;"

"An act to re-locate a certain street therein named;"

"An act to locate a State road from Knoxville, in Knox county, to Macomb, in McDonough;"

"An act in relation to a public road therein named," and

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Warren county to change the number of lots therein named in the town of Monmouth."

Mr. Markley from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the election of supervisors of Roads," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Denny, from the same committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to change a portion of the location of a State road therein named," reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Augustus Martin," reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was further amended, by adding to the first section thereof, the following:

"*Provided,* That said Martin shall not be allowed to sell or deal in intoxicating liquors, under the license, or privilege granted by this act."

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Killpatrick from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Peoria Female Seminary," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Warren, from the select committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to re-locate a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road, lying in Coles county," reported the same back, with a substitute.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives, to return to the Senate, in compliance with their request, "An act to provide for the call of a Convention."

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in their amendment to a bill, for "An act to establish District Courts in the State of Illinois," as amended by them.

In which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have also concurred with the Senate in the adoption of a resolution relative to the reception of new business, and the adjournment, *sine die*, of the General Assembly, as amended by them.

In which amendment, I am also directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Leviston moved to suspend the order of business for the purpose of taking up the Senate resolution, as amended by the House of Representatives, relative to the reception of new business, and the adjournment, *sine die*, of the General Assembly.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Harris, Leviston, McRoberts, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Cavarly, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Stephenson and Wilcox—20.

Mr. Denny, on leave, presented the petition of the members of the Knox M. L. College, for the Incorporation of the Adelphi, of Knox College; the reading of which, was

On motion of Mr. Denny,

Dispensed with, and

Referred to a select committee

Ordered, That Messrs. Denny, Brown and Killpatrick, be such committee.

Mr. Webb from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to empower the Guardian of the heirs of William Hick, deceased, to sell and convey certain real estate therein mentioned," reported an amendment, as a substitute; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

And the question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Webb and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—10.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to attach the county of Boone to the seventh Judicial Circuit," reported the same back, and recommended its passage, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act defining the liabilities of the securities of Charles Kitchens, late agent of the Internal Improvement fund of Greene county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change the name of the town of Amity, in Bond county, to the name of Poca-hontas;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading:

"An act to incorporate the Peruvian Mining Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Galena Hydraulic Comrany," and

"An act to amend the 28th chapter of the Revised Statutes," were severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

Bills of the House of Representatives on third reading:

"An act to attach the county of Boone to the seventh Judicial Circuit," was read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage:

Senate bill, entitled

"An act to amend an act concerning Wills," which had been amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Bills of the House of Representatives, on first reading:

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of Joe Daviess county to distribute school funds therein mentioned," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

"An act to vacate a certain public street or alley, in Jones' Addition to the town of Canton," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title,

Mr. Boal moved to amend the bill, by adding the following as an additional section:

"SECTION —. Any person owning an entire block of lots may close the alleys running through the same, and include the whole block in one inclosure; but where a block is owned by different persons, the consent of all of the owners of lots shall be first obtained."

Mr. Markley moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, and the bill was then

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage:

"An act to establish a ferry therein named;"

"An act to legalize the survey of Daniel Price's Addition to the town of Russellville, Lawrence county, Illinois;"

"An act for the relief of David Bloom;"

"An act to incorporate the Oregon Bridge Company," and

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Peoria,'" were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, respectively, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That their titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Ordered, That the vote taken upon the passage of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of a Convention," be reconsidered.

By unanimous consent of the Senate,

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

Ordered, That the 3d section of said bill be amended by striking out the words "and Wayne," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Jefferson and Marion."

By like consent,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Ordered, That the same section of the same bill, be further amended, by inserting after the word "Edgar," the words, "and Coles."

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass as amended?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title of said bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary return the same to the House of Representatives, and ask their concurrence in its passage.

"An act to authorize the School Commissioner of La Salle county to sell a part of section 16, T. 33, N. R. 3 E." was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Reddick, Warren and Davis of Massac, be such committee.

"An act to amend 'An act to locate a State road from Batavia, in Kane county, to Daniel Bennet's, in Du Page county, approved February 11, 1845, was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Mr. Matteson moved to amend the bill by striking out the preamble.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, and the bill

Ordered to a second reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed, as amended.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of its passage, and ask their concurrence to the amendment therein.

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the city of Alton, approved July 10, 1847;"

"An act supplemental to 'An act extending the limits of the fifth Judicial Circuit, and fixing the times of holding court therein;"

"An act relating to supervisors of roads, and those liable to do road labor in Stephenson county;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Delavan, in Fulton county;"

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Illinois Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

"An act for the benefit of Canton election Precinct, in Fulton county;"

"An act to re-locate so much of the State road as lays between Worcester Post office, in McDonough county, and the county line of Hancock county," and

"An act to amend the seventh section of a law concerning revenue, approved March 3d, 1845," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, respectively, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bills read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That their titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Orders of the day resumed:

Bills from the House of Representatives on first reading:

Bills entitled

"An act to amend the law in relation to the securities of guardians;"

"An act for the relief of Levi W. Riley;"

"An act to amend the practice act;"

"An act for the relief of Albert Ellis," and

"An act to change certain names therein mentioned," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills entitled

"An act to establish a State road from Jacksonville to Alton;"

"An act in relation to the apportionment of the school fund in the county of Ogle," and

"An act in relation to tenants in common," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Bills entitled

"An act for the relief of George Pasfield;"

"An act to authorize Harley Ives to establish a ferry on the Mississippi river, at New Boston;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Iroquois to borrow money for certain purposes;"

"An act to incorporate the German Catholic Beneficent Brothers' Society of Adams county;"

"An act to amend 'An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois Militia, called into service by the Commander-in-Chief, during the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, in force February 26th, 1846;" and

"An act making appropriations for the purposes therein specified," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to attach the county of Shelby to the eight Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes."

"An act for an equitable division of the school funds, belonging to T. I. S. R. 5, W." was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The order of business was suspended, and

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish and maintain Common Schools," reported the same back, and

On his motion,

The bill was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Bills entitled

"An act providing for the payment of the costs of printing in the German language, the messages of Governors Ford and French;"

"An act for the relief of Isaac Demint," and

"An act to provide for the sale of a part of the Northern Cross Rail Road," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act to change certain names therein mentioned," was read, and
Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act to amend 'An act for the relief of the heirs of Tyler D. Hewitt, deceased,'" was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Saline and Saline Lands.

"An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

"An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes," was read.

Mr. Cavarly moved a call of the Senate, which proceeded for a time, when,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

It was dispensed with.

Mr. Cavarly moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next.

Mr. Warren moved the previous question.

And the vote being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Hale.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, upon Executive business.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The same was acted upon with open doors, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, February 10, 1847.

To the Senate:

I nominate John A. Hardenbrook, to be Notary Public for the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook.

John H. Holton, to be Notary Public for the county of Adams.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Said nominations were severally advised and consented to.

Mr. Markley presented the remonstrance of five citizens of Fulton county, against a division of said county; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Matteson from the committee on Finance to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making compensation to Stevens and Trenchery, of Alton, for storage on Rail Road Iron," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Dougherty from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Francis Xavier Female Academy of Chicago, Illinois," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Orders of the day, Senate bills on third reading:

Bills entitled,

"An act to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Peoria Female Seminary," and

"An act for the relief of Augustus Martin," were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That their titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

House of Representatives bills on second reading :

Bills entitled,

"An act in relation to the apportionment of the School fund in the county of Ogle;"

"An act in relation to tenants in common," and

"An act to establish a State road from Jacksonville to Alton," were read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That their titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have adopted the following resolution, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The order of business was suspended, and the resolution, contained in the message from the House of Representatives, relative to the letter of acknowledgement of Isaac Scarritt, father of Lieut. Mason Scarritt, in behalf of his son, for the adoption of the resolution, on the part of the General Assembly, granting to his said son, as well as to Lieut. John Pope, swords, with suitable devices, in token of admiration for their gallant conduct, in the war with Mexico, was taken up, read, and unanimously concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The resolution and letter were laid on the table.

Bills of the House of Representatives on their first reading:

Bills entitled,

"An act concerning certain townships therein named, in Cass county;"

"An act to vacate a certain alley in the town of Rushville, in Schuyler county;"

"An act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Marion;"

"An act to establish a State Road from Springfield to Alton;"

"An act to incorporate the Griggsville cemetery;"

"An act declaring a certain road therein named a State Road;"

"An act to re-locate a certain street therein named;"

"An act in relation to a public road therein named."

"An act to locate a State road from Knoxville, in Knox county, to Macomb, in McDonough;" and

"An act to amend the law in relation to marriages;" were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bills read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

"An act authorizing Silas Beebe to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, Markley and McRoberts, be such committee.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the Senate bill, entitled, "An act to commute the punishment of John Baxter, by putting him in the penitentiary during life instead of hanging," reported the same back; and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time.

And the question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—30.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dennis and Warren—2.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled "An act to incorporate the Stephenson county Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" and

"An act changing the time of holding courts in the second Judicial Circuit."

The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to provide for the early distribution of the Laws and Journals;"

"An act to allow a school district therein named to build a school house;"

"An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Jacksonville, and for other purposes, approved Feb. 3, 1840;'"

"An act to change the name of the town of Macedonia to Webster," and

"An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at La Salle."

"An act making further provision for the education of the Deaf and Dumb," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act to protect the interests of orphans and minors, and for other purposes," and

"An act to incorporate the Lawrenceville Æsculapian Medical Society," were read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act forming the village of Prairie Du Pont into a school district," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

"An act in relation to the records of Peoria county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

"An act to amend the several acts relating to Public Roads," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

"An act authorizing the Governor to preserve the State arms," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and for the payment of the Canal debt, approved February 21, 1843;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The order of business was suspended, and he, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespassers, approved March 4, 1837,' and an act to amend 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespassers, approved February 26, 1839,' approved February 27, 1845," reported the same back, and recommended its passage, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Judt,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hanson, a Senator.

Mr. Markley presented the remonstrance of 210 citizens of Fulton county, against a division of said county, which, without reading, was

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for an equitable division of the school funds belonging to Town 1, S. R. 5 W." reported the same back with amendments, which amendments were concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as recommended by the committee, by adding thereto, "T. 1, N. R. 1, W. and T. 1, N. R. 2, W." and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage, and ask their concurrence in the amendments therein.

Mr. Webb, from the same committee to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the School Commissioner of Joe Daviess county, to distribute the school funds therein mentioned," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Bassett and Taylor, of Beardstown, Illinois," reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented, for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to legalize roads laid by order of the County Commissioners' court of Lake county, from June first to the tenth day of September, 1845, inclusive," and

"An act to provide for an equitable distribution of the school fund in Effingham and Clay counties."

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to define the revenue law," reported the same back with amendments, which amendments were concurred in.

Mr. Webb moved to add the following, as a proviso, to the first section :
"*Provided*, That if any person or corporation shall think his property has been valued too high, and shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the County Commissioners' Court thereon, such person or corporation may appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners' Court to the Circuit Court, whose decision therein shall be made at the first term thereafter, be certified to the Collector, and be final."

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The following was added as an additional proviso:

"*Provided*, further, That if the Assessor shall be satisfied the debt, in whole, or in part, cannot be collected, he shall enter in his tax book the amount only which he believes can be collected."

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed, as amended.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred a petition for the vacation of streets in the town of Pittsfield, in Pike county, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to vacate certain streets in the town of Pittsfield, county of Pike;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred divers and sundry petitions and remonstrances, relative to a division of Fulton county, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to create the county of Douglass;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hanson moved to amend the bill, by striking out the word "Douglass," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "Ficklin."

Mr. Warren moved to lay the motion to amend on the table.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the law in relation to the securities of Guardians," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act requiring notice to be given previous to private acts being passed," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of a part of the Northern Cross Rail Road," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and for the payment of the Canal debt, approved February 21, 1843,'" reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Powers, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs of printing in the German language the messages of Governors Ford and French," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered that the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to reduce the price of the State lands in the Dixon

United States Land District," reported the same back with an amendment, as a substitute, which was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The title was amended, so as to stand thus:

"An act to reduce the price of the State Lands in the Dixon and Danville United States Land Districts."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize Mary Ann Smart to sell certain lands," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to incorporate the Lawrenceville Æsculapian Medical Society," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter eight of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back and recommended its rejection, and

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, also from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the forty-ninth section of the law of this State, entitled, 'Elections,'" reported the same back to the Senate.

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, also from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act requiring the punctual discharge of the duties of the Attorney General, and the several State's Attorneys," reported the same back to the Senate.

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The bill was amended by striking out "shall," and inserting "may."

Mr. Dougherty moved that the bill be laid on the table until the 4th day of July next.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison and Noble—11.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—25.

Mr. Judd moved that the bill be amended by adding thereto the following:

Provided, further, That if the State's Attorney shall employ any one to discharge the duties of his office, without charge to the State, to be approved by the Court, then no allowance shall be made."

Mr. Warren moved to lay the amendment on the table until the 4th day of July next.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Harris, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Noble, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Powers and Sanger—15.

And the question being then taken on ordering the bill to a third reading as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Gillespie, Judd, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison and Noble—11.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act forming the village of Prairie Du Pont into a school district," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Nichols and others, praying for the removal of the county seat of Henderson county, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act to provide for an election for the re-location of the county seat of Henderson county."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Pending at the adjournment was the first reading of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for an election to re-locate the seat of justice of Henderson county."

Mr. Harris moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Said bill was read.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Further proceedings under the call, were dispensed with.

The bill under consideration at the call of the Senate, was

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and he, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change the times of holding the Circuit Court in Lee county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stephenson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish the Casey Ferry across the Mississippi river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Powers, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the communication of the Governor transmitting the letter of Gabriel Shaw, made a report, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Powers,

The report and accompanying documents were laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act further to define the duties of Probate Justices," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee to which was referred the communication of George R. Weber, relative to the public printing, reported the same back, and were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The communication was laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James B. Lovell, late of the county of Fulton, deceased," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee to which was referred Senate bill, entitled "An act to amend the 105th chapter, entitled 'Venue,' of the Revised code;" also the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to preserve the evidence of land sold on execution and the redemption thereof from said sale;" and also, a resolution instructing the said committee to inquire into the expediency of enforcing the laws of this State relative to hawking, etc. reported the same back, and were discharged from their further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The said bills and resolutions were laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Timothy Losey," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to protect the interests of orphans and minors, and for other purposes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning Practice," reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and said bill, as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred a resolution relative to taxing improvements on unsold lands, reported a bill, entitled "An act to tax improvements on the public lands;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend sections 79 and 80 of the 119th chapter of the Revised Statutes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee to which was referred the petition of the citizens of Elgin, in Kane county, reported a bill, entitled "An act in relation to the Cemetery, in the town of Elgin, in Kane county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the Practice act," reported the same back with an amendment.

Mr. McRoberts moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change the name of the town of Wappello to that of Mendora;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, as correctly enrolled,

"An act to attach the county of Shelby to the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and for other purposes;"

"An act to amend 'An act concerning Wills,'"

And that the same have been laid before the Council of Revision.

Mr. Denny, from the select committee, to which was referred the petition of the members of the Knox College, &c. reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Adelphi of Knox College;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was dispensed with, and the said bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to incorporate Cave-in-Rock Mining Company," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The question then being taken upon concurring with the committee on the Judiciary, in the amendment reported by them, to the bill entitled "An act to amend the practice act," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat Webb and Wilcox—17.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—18.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

Ordered, That the bill be laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Levi W. Riley," reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be read a third time.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Mr. Smith, from the select committee, to which was referred a like bill, entitled "An act authorizing Silas Beebee to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to change the times of holding the Circuit Court in Lee county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The order of business was suspended, and the resolution of the Senate concerning the adjournment, &c. of the General Assembly, with an amendment thereto by the House of Representatives, proposing that the two Houses receive no new business after the 13th instant, and adjourn *sine die*, on the first Monday of March next, taken up.

Mr. Edwards moved that the amendment be amended, by striking out "13th," and inserting "16th."

Mr. Warren moved that the amendment to the amendment, be laid on the table.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Killpatrick, Markley, Miller, Noble, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—13.

The question was then taken on concurring with the House of Representatives, in said amendment, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled, and on the 12th inst. laid before the Council of Revision: "An act changing the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the second Judicial Circuit."

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act to authorize George W. Jones to establish a ferry from Jordan's ferry to Du Buque;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, in reply to a resolution of the Senate relative to the public records, which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren, Matteson and Miller be such committee.

The Speaker announced a communication from the Governor upon executive business.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,
The same was acted on with open doors, and read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Springfield, Feb. 12, 1847.

To the Senate:

I nominate Benjamin K. Hart, Thomas Clifford and Robert Furguson,
to be inspectors of the Penitentiary at Alton.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

Mr. Matteson moved to advise and consent to said nominations.

Mr. Dougherty moved to refer the communication to the committee on
the Penitentiary,

And the question being first taken on the motion to refer, it was decided
in the affirmative.

Mr. Warren, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the moral
and religious instruction of the children of Illinois;" which was read by
its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title,
and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren, Houston, and Webb be such com-
mittee.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act authorizing
the improvement of St. Louis Harbor;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its
title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend
the practice in courts of law;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its
title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to redeem
all pledges made by the State of Illinois;" which was read by its title,
and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its
title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Edwards, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act in relation
to the city of Springfield;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its
title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the purposes therein named;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Judd, Matteson and Dunlap, be such committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to legalize the sale of lot one in block five, and lots two and three in block six, in Jerseyville;"

"An act to incorporate the Hainesville Steam Mill Company;" and

"An act to provide for the sale of the property of Idiots, Lunatics and Insane persons;"

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to amend an act to improve the navigation of the rapids of Rock River at Rockford, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company, approved February 11, 1845."

The House have also concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of Chicago, approved March 4, 1837;" as amended by the House, in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to save property and make people rich;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate all that portion of the State lying north of Springfield;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act to incorporate the city of Chicago, approved March 4, 1837," which was amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Stephenson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain laws relating to the collection of the revenue;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. McRoberts, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Davis;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Petitions.

Mr. Killpatrick, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act declaring all riots and mobs in Illinois at an end;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Leviston, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act in relation to aid and comfort;" which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hanson, Allen and Allison, be such committee.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act declaring the middle fork of Shoal creek a navigable stream;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Petitions.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to remove the seat of government to the city of Peoria;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Markley, McRoberts and Dennis, be such committee.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the removal of the seat of government, or for the completion of the State House;" which was read by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hanson, Sweat and Judd, be such committee.

Mr. Leviston, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to define the north and south in Illinois;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and
Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Allen, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to remove the Seat of Government from Springfield to Cairo;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Hodges and Wm. Clapp;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Sweat, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve the Illinois river;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Mr. Coudy, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to provide for holding the convention to amend the constitution in the city of Peoria;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Catlin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to pay the State debt;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and
Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to encourage Agriculture in Will county, as well as Illinois generally;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Central Rail Road Company;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Davis, of Hancock, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to change a State road therein named;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis, of Massac, and Sanger, be such committee.

Mr. Reddick, on leave, introduced bills, entitled

"An act for the purposes therein mentioned;" and

"An act to authorize a special tax to be levied as herein provided;" which were severally read by their titles, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Counties,

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act in relation to Kane and DeKalb counties;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Webb, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the eighty-ninth chapter of the revised laws, entitled Revenue;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Noble, on leave introduced a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the seminary lands in the Dixon land district;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to enable the Auditor of the State of Illinois to perform his duty;" which was read, and *Ordered* to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Smith, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to provide for any contingency;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and Referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Dunlap, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to relocate a certain State road in Crawford and Jasper counties;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve Common Schools;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Allen, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish a State road;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Sutphin, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to regulate Physicians' Charges;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sutphin, Boal, McMillan, Houston and Edwards, be such committee.

Mr. Leviston, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to appoint a bank commissioner for the Bank of Illinois, and to secure the interest of the State in the same;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Boal, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to prevent the circulation of Bank notes and to increase the price of wheat;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to vacate the town plat of Winnebago, in the county of Winnebago;" which was read, by its title, and

Ordered, to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Judd, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to improve several matters and things in this State;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and Referred to a select committee,

Ordered, That Messrs. Judd, Wilcox and Cavarly, be such committee.

Mr. Leviston, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish permanently the northern boundary of Illinois;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Saline and Saline Lands.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for taxing non-resident lands for the benefit of the road districts in which such lands are situated;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered, to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads,

Mr. Davis, of Massac, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to locate a State road therein mentioned;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Massac,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Markley, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to pay the State debt;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Markley, Sanger and Reddick, be such committee.

Mr. Matteson, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish an Academy in Joliet, Will county, Illinois, and to set apart a portion of the State School fund, to support the same;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Edwards, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to repeal the St. Clair Rail Road Company;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations,

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act concerning the duties of Circuit Court Clerks;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to establish a State road from Rockford northerly to the State line;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Jonesboro' Turnpike Company;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Edwards, on leave, presented the claim of John Taylor against the State; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Jacksonville, and for other purposes,' approved February 3, 1840," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The order of business was further suspended, and a like bill, entitled "An act to provide for an equitable distribution of the school fund in Effingham and Clay counties," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bill was read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills, respectively, be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

Mr. Dougherty, on leave, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to authorize George W. Jones to establish a ferry from Jordan's ferry to Dubuque,'" reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Mr. Markley, on leave, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred a petition of citizens of Kane county, reported a bill, entitled "An act to establish a road from Fox to Rock river;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Mr. Markley, also, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to locate a State road from Bloomington, McLean

county, to Spring Bay, in Woodford county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to re-locate a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road, lying in Coles county," laid on the table on the third instant, together with an amendment reported thereto, was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Laid on the table until the 4th of July next, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Sutphin and Warren—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller, Stephenson, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—9.

Orders of the day:

Senate bills on third reading:

Bills, severally entitled

"An act for the relief of Bassett & Taylor, of Beardstown, Illinois;"

"An act to define the revenue law;"

"An act concerning practice;"

Were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act requiring the punctual discharge of duties by the Attorney General and the several State's Attorneys," was read a third time, as amended; and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Killpatrick, Markley, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble and Wilcox—12.

• Mr. Dougherty moved that the title of said bill be amended by striking out after the word "act," and adding "to raise the salaries of Prosecuting Attorneys to seven hundred dollars per annum;" which,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock, was

Laid on the table.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to the records of Peoria county," was read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The order of business was suspended, when he, from the committee on Counties, to which had been referred a bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to the records of Kendall county," reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of their passage, and ask their concurrence in the amendment aforesaid of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Cavarly, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act to authorize a settlement with Macalister & Stebbins, and further to diminish the State debt, approved March 4, 1843;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Cavarly, from the joint select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Kennedy," together with the accompanying papers, made report.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The report, bill and accompanying papers were referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to reconsider the vote laying on the table the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the practice act."

Mr. Dougherty moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call,

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the payment of the State debt;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller, also, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for recording the plats of the school lands;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Wilcox, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act in relation to bridges in Kane county;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the ninety-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Schools;'" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Davis, of Massac, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of township No. 16, in Pope county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the select committee on School Lands and Education.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to authorize George W. Jones to establish a ferry from Jordan's ferry to Dubuque.'"

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend the ninety-third chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled Roads;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

Mr. Sanger, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish a ferry therein named;'" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate, were dispensed with. Mr. Dougherty moved the previous question.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to lay the motion for the previous question on the table; and

The vote being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Dougherty, Leviston, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—12.

And the question being then taken on the motion to re-consider, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Powers, Smith and Stephenson—13.

Mr. Dougherty moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act to reduce the price of the State lands;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Allison, on leave, introduced a bill, entitled "An act fixing the fees of certain officers therein named;" which was read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock, further proceedings under the call of the Senate were dispensed with.

Mr. Boal moved that the Senate adjourn; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on laying the bill on the table, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—14.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—20.

Mr. Allen moved the previous question.

Mr. Webb moved to lay the motion for the previous question on the table; and

The vote being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—14.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to amend the bill, by adding the following, as an additional section:

"Sec. 4. That an act to regulate the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, hereafter to be elected, approved February the 11th, 1845, and so much of the forty-first chapter of the Revised Statutes, as provides that Justices of the Supreme Court, elected or appointed subsequently to February the twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, shall each receive one thousand dollars, approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, be and the same are hereby repealed; and the twenty-sixth section of chapter twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes, approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, be and the same is hereby revived, from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven."

Mr. Dougherty moved to amend the amendment, by adding the following, as a proviso:

"*Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be so construed as to allow any additional salaries to the Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts for services hereafter performed."

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to lay the amendment offered by Mr. Dougherty on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon; it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Leviston, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—15.

Mr. Boal moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "January," and insert the word "August."

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to lay the proposed amendment on the table; and

The vote being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—14.

Mr. Markley moved to amend the amendment, by adding the following as a proviso:

“Provided, That the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court elected since the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, shall be twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and no more;” and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Gillespie, Leviston, Markley, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—14.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—19.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Davis of Hancock, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, Markley, Morrison, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—16.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

The question being then put, “Shall the bill pass?” it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Leviston, Markley, Morrison, Powers, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—16.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of John Reynolds, reported the same back with a bill, entitled "An act for the payment of John Reynolds for services rendered the State;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Kennedy," and accompanying papers, made report of the majority of the committee, and recommended the passage of the bill.

Mr. Dougherty from the same committee, also made report of the minority of said committee, which was read.

Mr. Powers moved a call of the Senate, which proceeded for a time, when,

On motion of Mr. Reddick,

It was dispensed with.

The question pending before the call of the Senate, was upon ordering to be engrossed for a third reading, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Michael Kennedy," and the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—26.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Stephenson and Webb—11.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time.

And the question being then taken upon its passage, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller,

Morrison, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—25.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Stephenson and Webb—11.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented, for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act making compensation to John Van Horn for services as a Topographical Engineer, in making a sectional map of the State of Illinois;"

"An act to locate a State road from Bath, in Mason county, to Waverly, in Morgan county;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' court of Joe Daviess county, to increase the rate of tax in and for said county;"

"An act to establish an additional election precinct in Fayette county;"

"An act for the relief of the Spoon River Navigation Company;"

"An act to legalize the acts of trustees of schools in township 45 north of range 2 east, in Winnebago county;"

"An act to authorize James Cartright and Company, to build a dam across the Little Wabash river;"

"An act to amend 'An act concerning Wills, approved March 3, 1845;'"

"An act for the relief of Harman T. Wilson;"

"An act to increase the revenue of the State of Illinois," and

"An act to legalize the deeds made by the County Commissioners of Sangamon county, conveying the Public Square to the State."

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Demint," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment of the Senate.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize Benjamin W. Ray, Joseph Tefft and Truman Gilbert, to build a dam across Fox river, in Kane county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary

ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Denny, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to Public Roads," reported the same back with amendments.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment being upon concurring with the committee on Public Roads, in the amendments reported by them to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts relative to Public Roads,"

Mr. Dougherty offered an amendment to one of said amendments, proposing to strike out the words "or she," and "or her;" which was, together with said amendments,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Matteson moved that the bill be amended by striking out the words "men of color not excepted," which amendment,

Mr. Edwards moved to lay on the table.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Dennis, Dougherty, Harris, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson and Wilcox—9.

Mr. Markley moved that the first section of the bill be amended by striking out the words "five" and "two," and inserting "two" and "one;" which amendment,

Mr. Webb moved to lay on the table.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—27.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Cavarly, Dougherty, Gillespie, Harris, Markley and Sutphin—6.

Ordered, That the bill be read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bill read a third time by its title.

And the question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—27.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Dougherty, Harris, Markley, Matteson and Noble—8.

Mr. Leviston from the committee on Salines and Saline Lands, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend 'An act for the relief of Tyler D. Hewitt, deceased,'" reported the same back with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Warren, from the select committee, to which was referred a communication from the Secretary of State on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of 'An act concerning the territorial and other records of Illinois,' approved February 28, 1845;" which was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of compensating County Commissioners' Clerks, for services in relation to lists of lands, reported the same back to the Senate, with the following amendment, of which the committee recommended the adoption:

Strike out all after "*Resolved*," and add,

"*By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their most diligent exertions with the Post Office Department of the United States, to have the Post Office at the city of Springfield, in this State, made a distributing office, with such regulations as may be sufficient to meet the growing demands upon the same.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our members in Congress, and also, a copy to the Honorable Post Master General of the United States."

Said amendment was concurred in, and the resolution, as amended, adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Orders of the day:

Engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and for the payment of the Canal Debt,' approved February 21, 1843," was read a third time by its title, on motion, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of the two last named bills be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have adopted the accompanying resolutions relative to funding the State debt, and the imposition of a poll tax, in the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Bills from the House of Representatives:

"An act for the relief of James Marion Nelson, a minor;"

"An act to incorporate the Hainesville Steam Mill Company;"

"An act to legalize the acts of trustees of schools in township 45 north of range 2 east, in Winnebago county;"

"An act to legalize the deeds made by the County Commissioners of Sangamon county, conveying the Public Square to the State;"

"An act to change the name of the town of Macedonia to Webster;"

"An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at La Salle;"

"An act making compensation to John Von Horn for services as a Topographical Engineer, in making a sectional map of the State of Illinois;"

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of George Morris, deceased, late of Effingham county;"

"An act to authorize James Cartright and Company to build a dam across the Little Wabash river;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Joe Daviess county to increase the rate of county tax in and for said county;"

"An act to establish an additional precinct in Fayette county;"

"An act to legalize roads laid by order of the County Commissioners' Court of Lake county, from June first to the tenth day of September, 1845, inclusive;"

"An act to legalize the sale of lot 1, in block 5, and lots 2 and 3 in block 6, in Jerseyville;"

"An act to incorporate Jefferson Lodge No. 7, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the town of Batavia;"

"An act to allow a school district therein named to build a school house;"

"An act to locate a State road from Bath, Mason county, to Waverly, in Morgan county," and

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Warren county, to change the number of lots therein named, in the town of Monmouth," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of said bills.

"An act to repeal the fifteenth chapter of the Revised Statutes," coming up, for consideration.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the same be laid on the table until the 4th of July next.

And the question being taken on said motion, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Killpatrick, Sweat and Webb—8.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act making appropriations for the completion of the State House."

Bills also from the House of Representatives:

"An act regulating the sale of real estate of infants;"

"An act to amend 'An act relative to Justices of the Peace and Constables, approved March 3d, 1845;'"

"An act to provide for the sale of the property of idiots, lunatics and insane persons," and

"An act to amend 'An act concerning Wills, approved March the 3d, A. D. 1845,'" were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read the second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act to increase the revenue of the State of Illinois," and
"An act for the relief of Harmon T. Wilson," were severally read the first time, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read the second time, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill for "An act for the relief of the Spoon River Navigation Company," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a second time by the title, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Markley, Denny and McMillan, be said committee.

The preamble and resolution on the subject of rescinding the resolution of Congress returning the Illinois school fund per centage, and the preamble and resolution relative to the improvement of the Great Wabash river, were severally read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act to establish District Courts in the State of Illinois," with an amendment to the same, adopted by the Senate, and an amendment to said amendment adopted by the House of Representatives, coming up for consideration, said last amendment was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution offered by Mr. Gillespie, some days since, relative to the Supreme Court of the United States, came up for consideration, and was adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

The resolution offered some days since by Mr. Coudy, relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly, coming up for consideration, was,

On motion,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Gillespie, from the committee on the Penitentiary, to which was referred the nomination of His Excellency, the Governor, of Benjamin K. Hart, Thomas Clifford and Robert Ferguson, to be Inspectors of the Penitentiary at Alton, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended their confirmation.

On motion,

Ordered, That said nomination be advised and consented to by the Senate.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the select committee, to which was referred a memorial of the State Temperance Society, on the subject of granting license to retail intoxicating liquors, made report thereon, accompanied by a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter sixty-four of the Revised

Statutes, entitled 'License,' which report and bill were read, and the bill

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a second time by its title.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to vacate the plat of the town of Winnebago, in the county of Winnebago," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Wilcox, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Haihesville Academy in Lake county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to pay the balance due canal contractors."

The House of Representatives have also concurred with the Senate in the adoption of a resolution instructing our Senators, &c., to use their exertions to have the post office at Springfield, in this State, made a distributing office.

The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith submitted for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Mississippi and Atlantic Rail Road Company;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Aurora and Chicago Plank Road Company,' approved March 3, 1845;"

"An act to construct a rail road from Alton, in Madison county, to Springfield, in Sangamon county;"

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Effingham county to build a bridge across the Little Wabash river;"

"An act to amend an act of February, 1845, authorizing the County Commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease a ferry at Hennepin;"

"An act for the relief of W. P. Bennett, Collector of Clark county;"

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of Morris, in Grundy county;"

"An act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Illinois of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons;"

"An act for the relief of John Hodges and William Clapp;"

"An act relative to limited partnerships;"

"An act to enable the administrators of John Hynes, late of Massac county, deceased, to join in certain conveyances;"

"An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners in other States,' approved March 1, 1845;" and

"An act to amend the law in relation to Courts."

The House of Representatives have refused to concur with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act to refund money paid by John Pearson into the State Treasury."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to enable the administrators of John Hynes, late of Massac county, deceased, to join in certain conveyances," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

The resolution from the House of Representatives relative to submitting to the people to determine by a vote upon the subject of a poll tax, was taken up; and,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The question pending the adjournment on yesterday, being upon ordering to a third reading the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'License,'"

Mr. Dougherty moved to refer the bill to the committee on the Judiciary; and

The vote being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Casey ferry across the Mississippi river," made report; which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was laid on the table until the fourth day of July next.

Orders of the day:

House bills on first reading:

"An act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Illinois of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons;"

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of Morris, Grundy county;"

"An act to amend an act of February 28, 1845, authorizing the County Commissioners of Putnam and Bureau counties to lease ferry at Hennepin;" and

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Aurora and Chicago Plank Road Company,' approved March 3, 1845," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That their titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

"An act for the relief of John Hodges and William Clapp," and

"An act for the relief of W. P. Bennett, Collector of Clark county," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills were severally read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act to authorize the County Commissioners' Court of Effingham county to build a bridge across the Little Wabash river," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

"An act to amend the law in relation to Courts," and

"An act relative to limited partnerships," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act to construct a rail road from Alton, in Madison county, to Springfield, in Sangamon county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title,
and,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

"An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners in other States,' approved March 1, 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, "An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of Chicago, approved March 4th, 1837," and that the same has this day been laid before the Council of Revision.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Ordered by the Senate, That one hundred and fifty numbers of the canal report, out of the two thousand ordered to be printed, be reserved and sent to the canal office, to be distributed among the subscribers to the canal loan, and for the use of said office.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane," was taken from the table, and

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Killpatrick, Boal and Sweat, be such committee.

"An act to incorporate the Mississippi and Atlantic Rail Road Company," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hanson moved to refer the bill to a select committee of nine, consisting of one from each Judicial circuit.

Mr. Gillespie moved its reference to the committee on Incorporations.

The question being then taken on the motion to refer to the committee on Incorporations, it was decided in the negative; and

The question then being taken on the motion of reference to a select committee, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hanson, Catlin, Davis of Massac, Cavarly, Brown, Sanger, Judd, Allison and Reddick, be such committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Warren presented the petitions of citizens of Moultrie and Coles counties, for the re-location of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road; which, without reading, were referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren, Hanson and Markley, be such committee.

Mr. Constable presented the petition of Francis B. Thompson and seventy-five others, citizens of the county of Edwards, praying a charter in co operation with the states of Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri, for a joint stock company for constructing and extending the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the western line of Missouri at Westport, in that State; which, without reading, was

Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Wilcox presented the memorial of the Kane county educational convention; which, without reading, was

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate entitled,

"An act supplemental to the act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Railroad company;"

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad company,' approved, January 16, 1836, and an act to amend the same, approved, March 4, 1837;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock River Plank Road Company,' approved, January 1, 1845;"

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of the eastern addition to the town of Macomb, also the entire town plat of the town of Sewardsville in the county of McDonough;"

"An act authorizing an additional justice of the peace in New Boston precinct in Mercer county;"

"An act to regulate the election of justices of the peace in the town of Athens;"

"An act to legalize the sale of certain school lands in Sangamon county;"

"An act for the relief of Joseph Suppinger, &c."

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Liverpool, Canton and Knoxville Rail road company'"

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled,

"An act to improve the rapids in Rock river at Sterling, Whiteside county, and to incorporate the Sterling Hydraulic and Manufacturing company;"

"An act to enlarge Hardin county;"

"An act for fixing the standard weight of coal;"

"An act for the relief of Isaac Lodowsky;"

"An act to incorporate the Cedar Bluff Cemetery Association at Rockford in Winnebago county;"

"An act to amend an act approved February 28, 1839, entitled 'An act to provide for the dedication of town lots in towns situated on canal land to public purposes;"

"An act to levee and make certain improvements on the Wabash river;"

"An act to amend the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Right of Property;"

"An act to incorporate the Peoria Lodge No. fifteen, of Free and accepted Masons;"

"An act to amend "an act entitled an act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river in Grundy county;"

"An act to incorporate the Belvidere Cemetery Association," and

"An act for the relief of John Dickey and others."

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in their resolutions, instructing our Senators, &c. to use their exertions to extend the laws of the United States over, and provide for the organization of a government in Oregon, &c.

The House of Representatives refuse to concur with the Senate in the adoption of a resolution instructing our Senators in Congress, &c. to endeavor to effect a change in the post office laws exempting members of the Legislature from fine or punishment for marking their names on documents sent to their constituents, &c.

The House of Representatives have laid on the table until the fourth of July a Senate bill for "An act for recording patents."

The House of Representatives have laid on the table a Senate resolution relative to the distribution of documents, printed by order of either House.

They have also laid on the table Senate resolutions relative to funding of the State debt, and the imposition of a poll tax.

The House of Representatives have ordered the printing of three thousand copies of a report from the committee on Banks and Corporations relative to the condition of the Banks of this State.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill entitled "An act to establish and maintain common schools," was taken from the table and Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Ordered, That the Public Printer be directed to furnish to Miss D. L. Dix, 200 copies of her memorial in relation to the Illinois Penitentiary, also 200 copies of the Report of the select committee on the subject of a State Hospital for the Insane.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The vote taken upon laying on the table until the fourth day of July next, the bill entitled "An act to re-locate a part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road," together with the amendment offered thereto, was re-considered.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Said amendment was,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The bill was amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That William Warnick of Macon county, John R. Jeffries of the county of Coles, Dr. William Keller of the county of Moultrie, and Jonathan Howard of Shelby county, are hereby appointed commissioners to view out and re-locate that part of the Darwin and Charleston turnpike road lying between the town of Charleston in the county of Coles and Mount Auburn in the county of Christian.

"SEC. 2. Said commissioners or a majority of them, shall meet in the town of Charleston in Coles county, on the first Monday in April next, or within thirty days thereafter, who, after being duly sworn by the clerk of the county commissioners' court, judge of probate, or some justice of the peace for said county, faithfully and impartially to perform the duties required of them by this act, shall immediately employ some competent surveyor, with instruments to survey, and proceed to survey and examine a new route commencing at some point not exceeding three miles west of said town of Charleston, and run the same to the mouth of "Fuller's branch" on Oakaw river (where a bridge is now preparing to be built,) and from thence, the nearest and best route to the town of Sullivan in Moultrie county, and from thence, either to intersect the original survey of said turnpike road at some point east of Mount Auburn in Christian county, or from Sullivan the nearest and best route to Decatur in Macon county.

"SEC. 3. Previous to the re-location of said road, it shall be the duty of said commissioners to pass along the present location of said turnpike road from Charleston to some point nearest the town of Sullivan in Moultrie county, and if said commissioners shall determine from the distance, and the advantages of the present location, it would be best only to change said road from the town of Nelson in Moultrie county, via the town of Sullivan, in that event the said commissioners shall proceed to re-locate said road from the town of Nelson as provided in the first and second sections of this act: *Provided*, That said commissioners are not required to examine or change said road west of Mt. Auburn or Decatur, as they may determine upon either route.

"SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to survey, mark out, and place mile posts firmly in the ground, on that part of said road so re-located, and for this purpose they shall remove the mile posts from that part of said road thus changed, and the same is hereby declared vacated; and said commissioners are authorized to employ as many axemen, chain-carriers, wagons and teams as they may deem necessary to facilitate the re-location of said road.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to keep a correct account of all the time said wagons, teams, and others in their employ. have been engaged in the re-location of said road in the counties said services may be rendered, separately, and they shall make out and deliver to the surveyor, teamsters and other hands in their employ, a certificate stating the number of days, the price agreed upon, and the aggregate amount due each person for services performed in each of said counties through which said road shall pass respectively; also said commissioners shall in

like manner certify to the time, they themselves have necessarily been engaged in each of said counties in the performance of their duties; and upon the presentation of said certificates to the county commissioners' court of each of said counties, respectively, the said county court shall order their clerk to issue to the holder of said certificate, an order on the treasurer of said county for the amount due said person, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"**SEC. 6.** The said road commissioners are authorized to agree with the surveyor, teamsters and other persons in their employ, upon the prices to be paid them for their services, and shall have the entire control and direction of all in their employ, and shall make out and deliver to the clerk of the county commissioners' court of each county through which the road may pass, a correct plat of the same, which shall be preserved in the office of said clerks, and said road commissioners shall be allowed two dollars per day for each day necessarily engaged in the performance of their duty.

"**SEC. 7.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Ordered That the bill, as amended, be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act providing for the holding a special term of court in the county of McHenry," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The title was amended so as to read, "An act fixing the time of holding courts in the seventh judicial circuit."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments of the Senate to said bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill entitled, "An act to divide the county of Gallatin, and to form out of the same the county of Saline," in the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which the House bill entitled "An act to amend 'An act relative to Wills,' approved, March 3d, 1845, and to extend the jurisdiction of probate courts," was re-committed, reported the same back and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Said bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred House bill, entitled "An act to authorize the county commissioners' court of Effingham county, to build a bridge across the Little Wash river," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to amend the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Revenue,'" reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Mary Prentice, for a re-assessment of her late husband's property, reported a bill, entitled "An act to allow the heirs of Charles Prentice, deceased, to redeem certain lots in the town of Vandalia, Fayette county;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Dougherty, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of John Hodges and William Clapp," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Denny, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to re-locate a certain State road in Crawford and Jasper counties," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Harris from the committee on Petitions, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Davis," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to define the law in relation to notes and depositions," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

Mr. Miller, from the same committee to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Albert Ellis, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Messrs. Dennis, McRoberts and Powers, were added to the committee on Enrolled Bills:

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred sundry letters, reported the same back, with a bill, entitled "An act to preserve the State arms;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Said bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred House bill, entitled "An act to authorize the county commissioners' court of Effingham county, to build a bridge across the Little Wabash river," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to amend the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Revenue,'" reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

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Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was further dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Dougherty, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of John Hodges and William Clapp," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Denny, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to re-locate a certain State road in Crawford and Jasper counties," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

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Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

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Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney of the Joe Daviess County Court," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to change certain names therein mentioned," reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendments therein.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the practice in courts of law," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'License,'" reported the same back with amendments.

Mr. Warren moved to strike out of the third section of the amendment, the words "and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Constable moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "and," and inserting "or;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question being then taken on concurring in the amendments, as reported by the committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Hanson, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Morrison and Smith—11.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, McMillan, Markley, Noble, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—18.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The bill was amended by striking out the word "ward," wherever it occurs.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the bill on the table.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Smith, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Denny, Edwards, Killpatrick, McMillan, Miller, Morrison, Noble and Sweat—11.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred engrossed bill of the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the several laws in this State relative to roads;" and, also,

House bills, entitled

"An act regulating the sale of real estate of infants;"

"An act to amend 'An act concerning Wills,' approved March the 3d, A. D. 1845," and

"An act to amend the law in relation to courts," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Said bills were laid on the table.

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred bills, entitled

"An act to amend the revenue law in relation to Assessors;"

"An act for the protection of the estates and families of habitual drunkards;" and the

Bill of the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to amend 'An act relative to Justices of the Peace and Constables, approved March 3d, 1845,'" reported the same back, and

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Were severally laid on the table until the 4th day of July next.

Ord. red. That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have laid on the table, until the 4th day of July next, the bill, entitled "An act to amend 'An act relative to Justices of the Peace and Constables, approved March 3d, 1845.'" "

Mr. Cavarly, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the property of idiots, lunatics and insane persons," reported the same back, and,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Said bill was laid on the table until the 25th day of December next.

Ordered. That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the insane," reported the same back, with amendments, proposing to fill the blanks in the bill.

Mr. Sweat moved to fill the blanks as follows:

“Fill the first blank with Peoria,

The second blank with Peoria,

And the third blank as follows:

That Adolphus Rouse, William S. Moss, Joseph C. Frye, Chester Hamlin, Edward Dickerson, of Peoria county; Robert Boal of Marshall county; R. W. Burton and W. S. Maus, of Tazewell county, and G. H. Hickman of Fulton county.”

Mr. Coudy proposed to fill the blank as follows:

“Fill the first blank with Hillsboro', Montgomery county,

The second blank with Hillsboro',

And the third blank, as follows:

That John S. Haywood, Hiram Rountree, Solomon Harkee, William Brewer, Rev. A. A. Trimpe, William Witherspoon, Thomas Sturtevant, Amos Sawyer and David B. Jackson, all of Montgomery county, Illinois.”

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the papers relating to the claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co., on account of the Northern Cross Rail Road, and also the bill, entitled “An act to adjust the lease and claims of S. M. Tinsley & Co., on the Northern Cross Rail Road,” reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The bill was laid on the table, and leave given to the said S. M. Tinsley & Co., for the withdrawal of the papers by them submitted.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for “An act to pay John and Thomas Longergan an amount that is honestly due them.”

The House of Representatives have also concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for “An act to provide for the call of a Convention,” as amended by the House; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the House bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Harmon T. Willson,” reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time; and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Dunlap, Edwards, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Warren and Wilcox—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Gillespie, Harris, Markley, Reddick, Sanger, Sweat and Webb—14.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Judd, from the joint select committee, which had been instructed by resolution, and to which was referred two several bills, each being entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State," reported a bill, entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State."

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Said resolution, and the bills thus referred, were laid on the table.

The bill reported by said committee, was then read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Said bill was read a second time by its title, the rule having been dispensed with.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend the bill, as follows: In the 15th line of the 1st section, after the word "Randolph," insert the word "Perry;" line 20, same section, strike out the word "Perry;" line 21, same section, strike out the words "Perry and;" second page, line 20 from top, after the word "representative," insert "Lake and McHenry, together, one representative."

Mr. Markley moved to refer the bill and amendment to a select committee of one from each judicial circuit; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Dennis, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Warren moved to amend the 1st section of the bill, so as to read, "Shelby one representative, Coles one representative, and Shelby, Coles and Cumberland one representative;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Warren and Wilcox—27.

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Edwards, Hanson, Miller, Sutphin and Sweat—5.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The bill was further amended, by inserting the following after the word

"districts," in the 7th line of section 2, "except the counties of Will, Du Page and Iroquois, the returns from which shall be made to the county of Will."

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The bill was further amended, so as to give to "Knox and Warren, each, one representative, and to Knox and Henderson one representative."

Mr. Markley moved further to amend the bill, by giving to "the county of Cook three representatives, and to the counties of Cook and Fulton, together, one representative."

Mr. Boal moved to amend the amendment, by adding the words, "to be chosen from Cook."

Mr. Markley moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table.

Mr. Judd moved to lay the amendment and the amendment to the amendment on the table.

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Cavarly moved to amend the bill, by adding the following, as additional sections:

"SEC. 3. Districts formed under this act, having a Senator or Representative residing within the boundaries so formed, such Senator or Representative shall be and remain the Senator or Representative of the district so formed for the term during which they were respectively elected; and this act shall not be so construed as to authorize at any one time more Senators or Representatives in the Legislature than this act provides for.

"SEC. 4. If any vacancy shall occur in the office of any Senator who shall hold over, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the time for which he was elected, then and in such case the new district shall fill said vacancy, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding, except where two Senators shall hold over, and residing in the same district; then and in that case, such vacancy shall not be filled by an election under this act until after the expiration of the time for which such Senators shall have been elected, unless the office of both shall become vacant as aforesaid; then the last vacancy shall be filled in manner and form aforesaid."

And the question being taken upon its adoption, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The following was added to the amendment to the bill offered by Mr. Matteson:

"And the Clerks of the County Commissioners' Courts of the Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Franklin, Williamson, Johnson, Pope and Missac, in all elections for Senator, shall meet at Marion, the county seat of Williamson county, to compare the polls of said election."

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill was further amended by striking out from the third line of the second page, the word "and," and from the fourth line of the same page, the words "one representative," and inserting after the word "Wabash," the words "and Lawrence two Representatives;" also, striking out the words "and Lawrence one Representative," in the 7th line of the same page.

Mr. Cavarly moved to re-consider the vote taken upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Denny.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending before the adjournment was upon the motion of Mr. Cavarly to re-consider the vote taken upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Denny to the bill, entitled "An act to apportion the representation of the several counties in this State."

Mr. Cavarly moved a call of the Senate; which call proceeded, when,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

It was dispensed with.

The question being then taken on the motion to re-consider, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Coudy, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Killpatrick, Miller, Morrison and Warren—9.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The amendment offered by Mr. Denny was laid on the table until the fourth day of July next.

Mr. Cavarly moved to re-consider the vote on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Constable to the bill; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap,

The bill and amendment were laid upon the table until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Markley, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of the Spoon River Navigation Company, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Sutphin, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to regulate Physicians' charges," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title. Mr. Constable moved to lay the bill on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Morrison, Powers, Sanger and Smith—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Cavarly, Dennis, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Markley, Matteson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—13.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to provide for dedication of lots in towns situated on canal lands to public purposes;'"

"An act to digest and settle the title to the wharfing privileges in Chicago, and for other purposes;"

"An act to repeal the eighth section of the interest law;"

"An act to authorize the levying and collecting taxes for school purposes, in the county of Iroquois, and for the sale of section sixteen, in township twenty-five north of eleven west;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Hainesville, and for other purposes;"

"An act in relation to costs in criminal cases;"

"An act concerning the Muddy Saline reservation, in Jackson county;" and

"An act to amend 'An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin county, approved February 28, 1845.'"

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, the following, as correctly enrolled, and this day presented to the Council of Revision:

"Act act incorporating the Cedar Bluff Cemetery Association at Rockford, in Winnebago county;"

"An act to fix the standard weight of coal;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of John Dickey and others;"

"An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Sterling, Whiteside county, and to incorporate the Sterling Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Peoria Lodge, No. 13, of Free and Accepted Masons;"

"An act to levee and make certain improvements on the Wabash river;"

"An act to incorporate the Stephenson County Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company;" and

"An act to incorporate the Belvidere Cemetery Association."

And the joint resolutions instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress relative to Oregon, as having been laid before the Governor.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, bills, entitled

"An act making appropriations for the completion of the State House;" and

"An act to pay the balance due canal contractors;"

And that the same have been laid before the Council of Revision.

Also, joint resolution on the subject of the post office at Springfield, Ill., which has been laid before the Governor.

Mr. Hanson, from the select committee, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mississippi and Atlantic Rail Road Company," made report; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill was referred to a committee of the whole Senate, and made the special order for to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The bill, entitled "An act to apportion the representation in the several counties in this State," was taken from the table.

The question pending the motion to lay upon the table, was upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Constable; and

The question was then taken thereon, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Killpatrick, Miller and Powers—12.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Morrison, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—14.

No quorum voting,

Mr. Dougherty moved a call of the Senate; which call proceeded for a short time, and was,

On motion,

Dispensed with.

The question being then taken upon the adoption of the amendment, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Killpatrick and Powers—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Coudy, Deuny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—17.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

The bill, entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane," coming up, and

The question being upon concurring with the committee in their proposition to fill the blanks,

Mr. Cavarly moved a division of the question; which was carried.

The question being first taken upon the proposition of the committee to fill the first blanks with the words "Jacksonville" and "Morgan," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Massac, Edwards, Gillespie, Killpatrick, Morrison, Powers, Sanger, Smith and Wilcox—13.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Reddick, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—20.

The question being next taken upon the motion of Mr. Sweat, to fill said blanks with the words "Peoria" and "Peoria," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Brown, Cavarly, Dennis, Denny, Hanson, Houston, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Miller, Reddick, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Morrison, Powers, Sanger and Smith—17.

And the question being then taken upon the motion of Mr. Coudy, to fill said blanks with the words "Hillsboro'" and "Montgomery," it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Brown, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Morrison, Reddick and Warren—12.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat and Wilcox—20.

Mr. Judd moved to insert the words "Chicago" and "Cook."

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, McRoberts, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Warren and Wilcox—17.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Smith, Sutphin and Sweat—15.

Mr. Constable moved to re-consider the vote just taken on filling blanks in the bill with the words "Chicago" and "Cook;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish a State road from Rockford northerly to the State line," reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Pace, their assistant Clerk :

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act for the benefit of Common Schools in District No. four, township thirty-six, ten east, in Will county;"

"An act to amend the act entitled Mills and Millers;"

"An act in relation to change of names."

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled,

"An act for the relief of Edward B. Tinney;"

"An act to incorporate the Bloomingdale Cemetery Association;"

"An act to authorize the Trustees of the Pittsfield Academy in Pike County, Illinois, to sell said Academy and a lot of ground;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Bainbridge;"

"An act to exempt firemen in the City of Galena, from serving as Jurors."

"An act to relocate certain streets in the town of Rockford on the west side of Rock River;"

"An act to relocate a part of the town plat of Savanna in the county of Carroll;"

"An act for the relief of George W. Cassidy, and others," as amended, in which amendments to the last named bill, they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have also passed a Senate bill for "An act to amend the twenty-fourth chapter of the revised laws, entitled 'Conveyances,'" as amended, in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also concurred in the passage of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Belvidere in Boon county."

They have also amended the title to the last named bill, so as to read

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of Whitney's addition to the town of Belvidere in Boone county;" in which amendment to said bill and title, they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Dougherty, presented the petition of James S. Smith and 60 others, citizens of Pulaski county, praying a donation of Internal Improvement lands, to aid in making roads in said county; which, without reading,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Was referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on the Judiciary, which had been instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of amending chapters 27, 28, 59 and 89 of the Revised Statutes, reported a bill, entitled "An act in relation to county funds;" which was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Powers.

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Allen, from the same committee, which was instructed by resolution to inquire into the expediency of amending parts of chapters 28 and 88 of the Revised Statutes, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to appoint a Bank Commissioner for the Bank of Illinois and to secure the interest of the State in the same," reported the same back, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading, as amended,

Mr. Dougherty, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. McRoberts moved to amend the bill, as follows:

"Sec. That the said Bank shall not collect any interest on her outstanding claims from and after the passage of this act."

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Sanger moved to reconsider the vote taken upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. McRoberts, which was carried.

Mr. Davis, of Hancock, moved to lay said amendment on the table.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided, in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows,

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty,

Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Sutphin and Warren—14.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill concerning the Penitentiary.

Mr. Sanger moved to amend the bill under consideration, by adding thereto the following:

"*Sec.* From and after the 4th of March next, shall pay interest on the outstanding certificates issued by said Bank."

Mr. Constable moved to lay the amendments offered by Mr. Sanger, on the table.

And the question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Killpatrick, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Smith, Webb and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dunlap, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—20.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The amendment was amended by striking out the words "4th of March" and inserting the words "first of January."

Mr. Constable moved that the amendment as amended be laid on the table; and the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Smith, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Dunlap, Edwards, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Sanger, Sutphin and Sweat—15.

Mr. Cavarly moved to amend the bill by adding the following, as additional sections.

Sec. 4. That all the certificates issued by said Bank in pursuance of the provisions of the above recited act, and all the notes issued by said Bank and in the hands of the School Commissioners of the several counties in this State, or in the hands of any Treasurer of any school district at the passage of this act, shall, from and after the 4th day of March next, draw interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until they shall be taken up, and the said Bank is hereby required to pay said interest as aforesaid.

SEC. 5. Said School Commissioners and Treasurers who shall hold said certificates at the passage of this act, shall, on or before the first day of September next, report to the cashier of the Bank at Springfield the date and amount of such certificates; which report shall be verified by the oath of such Commissioner or Treasurer.

Mr. Sweat moved to amend the amendment by a proviso as follows:

"That all those that hold certificates which was originally issued to him or her shall draw interest at the rate of six per cent, he or she making oath that they were originally issued to him or her by the Bank."

Mr. Constable moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table; and the question being then taken thereon,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question then being taken upon the adoption of the amendment as proposed by Mr. Cavarly,

It was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Morrison, Sweat, Warren and Webb—13.

The question being then taken upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended,

It was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Smith, Sweat, Warren Webb and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Sanger, and Sutphin—14.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, And the question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Smith, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Sanger and Sutphin—14.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the call of Convention," was taken up, as amended by the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dougherty moved to amend the amendment relating to Marion, Jefferson and Hamilton, so as to give Jefferson two members, Marion one member, Hamilton one member, Marion and Hamilton one member; which,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Constable called for a division of the question, so as to vote on concurring with the House of Representatives in their amendment relating to Wayne and Edwards counties.

The question then being taken on concurring in all the amendments of the House, except the one last referred to,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question being taken on concurring with the House in said amendment concerning Edwards and Wayne,

It was also decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act concerning the Muddy Saline Reservation in Jackson county," was taken up, and

On motion, read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Without objection,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Saline and Saline Lands.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The order of business was further suspended, and the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to divide the county of Gallatin, and to form out of the same the county of Saline, was also taken up, and, on motion, read by its title, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was further dispensed with, without objection, said bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Counties.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate, that they have passed a bill, entitled "An act to re-locate and establish the county seat of Mercer county," in the passage of which bill, they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also concurred with the Senate in their amendment to the bill from the House, entitled "An act providing for holding a special term of Court in the county of McHenry."

They have also concurred with the Senate, in their amendment to the title of said bill.

Mr. Hanson, on leave, presented the memorial of citizens of Coles county, praying the General Assembly to grant a charter to a company to construct a rail road, from the east bank of the Mississippi, opposite St. Louis, to Terre Haute, in Indiana; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The Senate, pursuant to previous order, resolved itself into a committee of the Whole, Mr. Matteson in the chair, for the consideration of the bill, from the House, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mississippi and Atlantic Rail Road Company." After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported said bill back to the Senate, and were discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Warren, moved a call of the Senate.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved that the Senate adjourn, and the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate, were dispensed with.

Mr. Gillespie moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being put thereon.

It was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Smith, Sutphin and Webb—19.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Loviston, McMillan Miller, Morrison, Reddick, Sanger, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—18.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill entitled "An act to apportion the representation in the several counties in this State, was taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Read a third time by its title.

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Judd, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Hanson, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, and Webb—6.

Ordered. That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Pace, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that they have passed a bill entitled "An act to establish certain ferries in St. Clair county,"

In the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to pay the State debt," reported the same back, with an amendment.

Mr. Killpatrick moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendment.

Mr. Catlin moved their reference to the committee on Incorporations, and the question being then taken on the motion to refer,

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Mr. Powers was added to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The order of business was suspended, and the Senate bill, entitled "An act to amend the twenty-fourth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Conveyances,' as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred

the bill entitled "An act for the payment of the State debt," reported the same back, with amendments.

Mr. Judd moved to amend the amendment of the committee by adding as follows:

"Until such evidences of indebtedness shall be exchanged as aforesaid, it is further provided, the agencies at New York shall terminate at the expiration of eighteen months, and the books of such registration to be returned to the office of the Secretary of State to be kept by him in his office."

Mr. Cavarly moved to lay the amendment offered by Mr. Judd on the table, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, and Webb—15.

The question being then taken upon concurring in the amendment as reported by the committee,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the question being then taken upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—26.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Killpatrick and Webb—8.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—26.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Killpatrick and Webb—7.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The title was amended so as to stand, "An act authorizing the refunding of the State debt."

Ordered, That the title thereof be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled,

"An act to amend the city charter of the city of Quincy;

"An act to incorporate the Chicago Bethel association;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Lima, in Adams county;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Sparta in Randolph county;"

"An act authorizing Isaac G. Israel to construct a turnpike road in Pike county;"

"An act to further amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city Alton,' approved, July the 21st 1837," and

"An act to authorize the Governor of this State to sell the salt wells and coal lands in the Saline reserve, in Gallatin county, for State indebtedness, and for other purposes."

I am also directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption of the memorial and resolutions, herewith presented, asking the consent of Congress to the sale of certain Saline lands, &c.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane," was taken up.

The question pending, was upon filling the first blank in the bill with the word, "Chicago;" which question,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly, was

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The vote taken upon filling the blank with the word "Peoria" was unanimously re-considered.

And the question being then taken upon the motion to fill the first blank in the bill with the word "Peoria."

It was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Miller, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Killpatrick, Matteson, Noble, Smith, Webb and Wilcox—12.

Mr. Dunlap moved a reference to the committee, with instructions that a section be added to the bill providing that a board of competent commissioners be appointed by the Governor to select a proper site for the Asylum, and that a report be made to the General Assembly at its next session.

Mr. McRoberts moved that the Senate adjourn, and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the motion of Mr. Dunlap, to refer to the committee with instructions, on the table, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—26.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Brown, Coudy, Dunlap, Harris and Judd—6.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The second blank of the first section was filled with the word "Peoria."
The question being taken upon filling the blank in the second section as proposed by Mr. Sweat, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and,

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Denny, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Harris, Markley and Webb—8.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Catlin, from the select committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the improvement of St. Louis Harbor," reported the same, back and recommended its rejection

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The vote taken on laying upon the table, the bill entitled "An act to amend chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'License,'" together with the amendment thereto, as reported by the committee on the Judiciary, was re-considered.

Mr. Constable withdrew his motion to lay the bill and amendment on the table.

The question being then taken upon concurring in the amendment proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Han-

cock, Hanson, Harris, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Miller, Smith and Sweat—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Sanger, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—17.

Mr. Edwards moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "gallon," wherever it occurs, and insert the word "quart" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Denny, Edwards, Houston, Killpatrick, McMillan, Matteson, Noble and Sweat—12.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of W. P. Bennett, Collector of Clark county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled, and this day presented to the Council of Revision, to-wit: "An act to provide for the call of a convention."

Mr. Miller, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to alter and regulate the practice in the Supreme court," reported the same back, and, on his motion, it was

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Miller, Judd and Matteson, be such committee.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to incorporate all that portion of the State lying north of Springfield, reported the same back, with a substitute as an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sutphin,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The title was amended so as to stand, "An act to vacate the town plat of Brussels, in Scott county."

Ordered, That the title thereof be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act to authorize a settlement with Macalister and Stebbins and further to diminish the State debt,' approved, March 4, 1843," reported the same back with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The bill was re-committed to the committee on Finance, with instructions to provide that the Macalister & Stebbins debt, shall receive from the interest fund only its pro rata interest.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith submitted for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled:

"An act to provide for the collection of the revenue of Washington county for the year, 1844;"

"An act in relation to certain public debtors;"

"An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois militia, called into service during the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four and five;"

"An act in relation to turnpike gates, toll bridges and ferries," and

"An act to change the name of the county of Marquette, to organize the same, and to attach a portion of the county of Adams thereto, and to provide for the collection of the revenue therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to lay before the Senate a communication in writing from the Governor.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to exempt firemen in the city of Galena from serving as jurors;"

"An act for the relief of Edward B. Tinney;"

"An act concerning the Penitentiary;"

"An act to enlarge Hardin county;"

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of Savanna, in the county of Carroll;"

"An act to vacate the town of Bainbridge."

Mr. Dennis from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported bills of the following titles as correctly enrolled, and the same laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act for the relief of Isaac Lodowsky;"

"An act to amend the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Right of Property;'"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river in Grundy county;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize George W. Jones to establish a ferry from Jorden's ferry to Du Buque;"

"An act to amend an act approved February 28, 1839, entitled 'An act to provide for the dedication of town lots in towns situated on canal land to public purposes;'"

"An act to amend 'An act to improve the navigation of the rapids of Rock river at Rockford, and to incorporate the Rockford Hydraulic and Manufacturing company,' approved, February 11, 1845;"

Mr. Wilcox from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled, "An act making further provisions for the education of the deaf and dumb," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read the third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor upon Executive business.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The same was acted on with open doors, and read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Springfield, Feb. 19, 1847.

To the Senate:

I nominate Ralph V. M. Croes, Notary Public for St. Charles in the county of Kane;

Ebeni Leavensworth, Notary Public for Sparta in the county of Randolph;

William H. Bushnell, Notary Public for Chicago in the county of Cook;

Thomas Lewis, Public Administrator for the county of Sangamon;

John Eddows, Notary Public for Galena in the county of Jo Daviess;

George Williams, Public Administrator for the county of Boone;

Alonzo Huntington, Notary Public for Chicago, in the county of Cook;

Abram Clark, Sen. to be Public Administrator for the county of Monroe;

William W. Omelveny, to be Notary Public for the county of Monroe.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Said nominations were severally advised and consented to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act concerning a portion of the Northern Cross Rail Road;"

"An act to amend the 7th section of the 37th chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1845, in relation to Elections;"

"An act regulating costs in certain cases;"

"An act to authorize Andrew Gray the use of a portion of the Peoria and Warsaw Rail Road;"

"An act to erect the city of Quincy into a common school district;"

"An act in relation to the town of Ottawa;"

"An act to incorporate the Rock Island and La Salle Rail Road Company;"

"An act in relation to that part of township thirty-nine, north of range fourteen east of the third principal meridian, in relation to schools;"

"An act to incorporate the Canton Library Association;"

"An act to remit certain taxes assessed for State revenue of 1839, upon lots and blocks in Nathaniel Pope and others' Addition to Alton;"

"An act to authorize Robert Keith to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;"

"An act to improve the breed of sheep," and

"An act in relation to revenue."

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois Militia, called into service during the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four and five," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Warren,

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Orders of the day.

Senate bills, on third reading:

Bills, entitled,

"An act to amend the law in relation to assault, assault and battery and affrays;"

"An act for the relief of Solomon Davis;"

"An act to appoint a Bank Commissioner for the Bank of Illinois, and to secure the interest of the State in the same," and

"An act to define the laws in relation to notes and depositions," were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the latter be so amended as to stand,

"An act to amend the law in relation to notes and depositions," and that the titles of the pending ones be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in their passage.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of this State to sell the salt wells and coal lands in the Saline Reserve, in Gallatin county, for State indebtedness, and for other purposes," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

Referred to the committee on Salines and Saline Lands.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The order of business was further suspended, and the memorial and resolutions contained in the message from the House of Representatives, asking the consent of Congress for the sale of certain Saline lands, &c., taken up, and

Referred to the committee on Salines and Saline Lands.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The order of business was further suspended, and the Senate bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George W. Casseday and others," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Bills of the House of Representatives on their first reading:

Bills, entitled

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Chicago and Rock River Plank Road Company,' approved January 1st, 1845," and

"An act for the relief of Joseph Suppiger," were read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bills were read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bills were read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on Salines and Saline Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act concerning the Muddy Saline Reservation, in Jackson county," reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Vandruff's Island, in Rock Island county, and to incorporate the Rock Island Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company."

They have also concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to commute the punishment of John Baxter, by putting him in the Penitentiary during life, instead of hanging," as amended by the House. In which amendment, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled:

"An act to repeal the charter of the town of Vandalia;"

"An act to vacate town plats;"

"An act to re-locate the county seat of Calhoun county, and provide for the erection of public buildings;"

"An act to adorn the grave of the Hon. William Rhodes, with a grave edifice;"

"An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Logan county," and

"An act in relation to the incorporation of the town of Belleville."

Mr. Leviston, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of this State to sell the salt wells and coal lands, in the Saline Reserve in Gallatin county, for State indebtedness, and for other purposes," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Leviston, from the same committee to which was referred the memorial and resolutions of the House of Representatives, to the Congress of the United States, for its consent to the sale of certain Saline lands, &c. reported the same back, and recommended their adoption.

On motion,

Said memorial and resolutions were read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to adorn the grave of the Hon. William Rhodes with a grave edifice," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the House bill, entitled "An act to divide the county of Gallatin, and to form out of the same, the county of Saline," reported the same back, with sundry amendments.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The amendments were amended, by adding to the proviso proposed to be added to the second section, the following:

"And a bond filed with the Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court, to be approved by the said Clerk, conditioned, that should the seat of justice be located on the said block or lot, that a deed in *fee simple*, shall be made to the county in which the same is situated;" and the amendments, as amended, were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendments made by the Senate to said bill.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The order of business was suspended, and the House bill entitled "An act to re-locate the county seat of Calhoun county, and provide for the erection of public buildings," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a second time by the title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The order of business was further suspended, and the House bill, entitled "An act for the removal of the seat of justice of Logan county," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain laws relating to the collection of revenue," reported the same back, with a substitute as an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The title was amended, so as to stand, "An act to legalize the acts of the Deputy Surveyor of Du Page county."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The order of business was further dispensed with, and Senate bill, entitled "An act to commute the punishment of John Baxter, by putting him in the Penitentiary during life instead of hanging," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Miller, from the select committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter and regulate the practice in the Supreme Court," together with the amendment thereto, reported the same back, and recommended the passage of a substitute, as an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The title was amended, so as to stand,

"An act providing changes in the seventh and ninth Judicial Circuits, and for fixing the time for holding courts in the seventh Judicial Circuit."

Ordered, That the title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred a statement of the claim of John Taylor, reported the same back, and,

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Leave was given to withdraw said statement.

Orders of the day :

House bill, entitled,

"An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott," was read a third time."

And the question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Noble and Sanger—12.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Dunlap, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—20.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

House bill, entitled

"An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the appointment of Commissioners in other States, approved March 1, 1845,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled,

"An act to fund State scrip;"

"An act to improve the rapids in Rock river, at Vandruff's Island, in Rock Island county, and to incorporate the Rock Island Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company,"

And that the same have, this day, been laid before the Council of Revision.

Bills of the House of Representatives, on first reading:

"An act to change the name of the county of Marquette, to organize the same, and to attach a portion of the county of Adams thereto, and to provide for the collection of the revenue therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Counties.

"An act in relation to certain public debtors," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—24.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Harris, Leviston, Markley, Matteson and Stephenson—9.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

"An act in relation to turnpike gates, toll bridges and ferries," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Dennis moved to refer the bill to a select committee.

Mr. Harris moved its reference to the committee on Public Roads, and

The question being taken on the last motion, it was decided in the affirmative.

"An act concerning a portion of the Northern Cross Rail Road," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

"An act to authorize Andrew Gray the use of a portion of the Peoria and Warsaw Rail Road," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

Bills from the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to amend the 7th section of the 37th chapter of the Revised Laws, of 1845, in relation to 'Elections;'"

"An act in relation to the town of Ottawa;"

"An act to erect the city of Quincy into a common school district;"

"An act to adjust and settle the title to the wharfing privileges in Chicago, and for other purposes;"

"An act in relation to that part of township thirty-nine (39,) north of range fourteen east, of the third principal meridian, in relation to schools;"

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Galena and Chicago Union Rail Road Company,' approved January 16, 1836, and 'An act to amend the same, approved 4th March, 1837;'"

"An act to provide for the collection of the revenue of Washington county, A. D. 1844," and

"An act further to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Alton,' approved July 21st, 1837,"

Were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, said bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles of said bills be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate, in their passage.

"An act regulating costs in certain cases," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act for the improvement of the breed of sheep," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved to lay the bill on the table until the 4th day of July next, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Alkison, Boal, Cutlin, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller, Sweat and Wilcox—9.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills, as correctly enrolled, and have this day been laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act to authorize the Trustees of the Pittsfield Academy, in Pike county, Illinois, to sell said Academy, and a lot of land;"

"An act to amend the twenty-fourth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Conveyances;'"

"An act to locate certain streets in the town of Rockford, on the west side of Rock river," and

"An act to incorporate the Bloomingdale Cemetery Association."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Bergen:

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The vote taken upon refusing to pass the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott, was re-considered, and,

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The bill was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois militia, called into service during the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four and five," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Wilcox moved a reference of the bill to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Matteson moved its reference to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures; and

The question being then taken upon the motion to refer to the committee on the Judiciary, it was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that they have concurred with them in the passage of bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes of this State;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Amos H. Squire, deceased;"

"An act to incorporate the Nauvoo and Warsaw Rail Road Company;"

"An act to apportion the representation in the several counties in this State;" and

"An act to refund State scrip."

They have also concurred with them in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to locate a State road and build a bridge;" and

"An act for the relief of Michael Keenely," as amended by them; in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to authorize the Shelby school district to elect school directors;"

"An act in relation to lotteries, and to prohibit the vending and selling of lottery tickets;"

"An act to district the county of Jo Daviess, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,' approved February 25, 1845;"

In the passage of which bills, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The Council of Revision have returned to the House, with their objections to the same becoming laws, the bills, entitled

"An act to enable the administrator of John Hynes, late of Massac county, deceased, to join in certain conveyances;"

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased;" and

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of George Morris, deceased, late of Effingham county;" and the same have been amended to obviate the objections of the Council, and the House have re-passed said bills, as amended; in the re-passage of which bills, as amended, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was re-

ferred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to construct a rail road from Alton, in Madison county, to Springfield, in Sangamon county," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The bill was amended, by striking out the last section thereof.

Mr. Coudy moved the following amendment:

"*Provided*, That all intermediate points be stricken out of said bill, and that said rail road be so constructed as to run from Springfield, in Sangamon county, to Shelbyville, in Shelby county, Hillsboro', in Montgomery county, and Staunton, in Macoupin county, to the city of Alton, in Madison county."

Mr. Warren moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dunlap, Houston, Smith, Sweat and Warren—10.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Cavarly, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Mr. Warren moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table, until the fourth day of July next.

Mr. Warren moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call,

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to pay the State debt," on leave, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Edwards moved to strike out the first two sections of the bill.

Mr. Catlin moved to lay the motion made by Mr. Edwards on the table until the fourth day of July; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to strike out all after the word "privileges," in the third line.

Mr. Catlin moved lay the motion made by Mr. Davis of Hancock on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Judd moved to strike out all in the third section, after the word "money."

Mr. Catlin moved to lay the motion made by Mr. Judd on the table until the fourth day of July; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Edwards, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Sweat and Wilcox—16.

The question being then taken on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Harris, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Warren—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Webb and Wilcox—15.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate were dispensed with.

The question recurring to the motion made by Mr. Warren to lay up-on the table until the fourth day of July next the bill, entitled "An act to construct a rail road from Alton, in Madison county, to Springfield, in Sangamon county," together with the amendment thereto,

Mr. Cavarly moved the previous question.

Mr. Warren moved to lay the motion for the previous question on the table; and

The question being then taken on laying the bill on the table, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Hanson, Houston, Morrison and Warren—9.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—25.

Mr. Warren moved that the Senate adjourn until two o'clock, P. M.; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Miller, Morrison, Sweat and Warren—12.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Mr. Warren moved that the Senate adjourn; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Coudy, Dunlap, Hanson, Miller, Morrison, Noble and Warren—7.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Mas-ae, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—27.

The question being then taken, "Shall the main question be now put?" it was decided in the affirmative, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to construct a rail road from Alton, in Madison county, to Springfield, in Sangamon county," as amended by the Senate, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the passage of the bill, and ask their concurrence to the amendments therein.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on Counties, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to change the name of the county of Marquette, to organize the same, and to attach a portion of the county of Adams thereto, and to provide for the collection of the revenue therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the seminary lands in the Dixon land district," reported the same back, with a substitute as an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The title was amended, so as to stand "An act incorporating the Moline Manufacturing Company."

Ordered, That said title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay and expenses of the Illinois militia called into service during the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four and five," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Denny, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act concerning a portion of the Northern Cross rail road," reported the same back, and recommended its passage."

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Denny,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Markley, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to turnpike gates, toll bridges and ferries," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Dennis moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Stephenson moved to lay the motion of indefinite postponement on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the motion to postpone, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hanson, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The order of business was suspended, and the House bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Shelbyville school district to elect school directors," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Orders of the day:

Senate bill, entitled "An act to amend the twenty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'County orders and County Funds,'" was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

"An act for the relief of Michael Kennedy;" and

"An act to locate a State road and build a bridge," as severally amended by the House of Representatives, were read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

House of Representative bills, returned by the Council of Revision, and amended by the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to enable the administrator of John Hynes, late of Massac county, deceased, to join in certain conveyances;"

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of George Morris, deceased, late of Effingham county;" and

"An act for the benefit of the heirs of James M. Reynolds, deceased;"

Were read, said amendments concurred in, and the said bills severally re-passed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, for "An act to revive a certain act therein mentioned," in the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

"An act for the benefit of Common Schools in district No. four, town thirty-six, range ten east, in Will county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Canal and Canal Lands.

Bills from the House of Representatives:

"An act in relation to the incorporation of the town of Belleville;"

"An act to amend the city charter of the city of Quincy;"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'Mills and Millers;'"

"An act in relation to the change of names;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Belvidere, in Boone county;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Hainesville, and for other purposes;"

"An act to incorporate the Rock Island and La Salle Rail Road Company;"

"An act to authorize Robert Keith to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to provide for dedication of lots in towns situated on canal lands to public purposes;'"

"An act to incorporate the town of Lima, in Adams county;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Sparta, in Randolph county;"

"An act in relation to lotteries, and to prohibit the vending and selling of lottery tickets;"

"An act to re-locate and establish the county seat of Mercer county;"

"An act authorizing Isaac G. Israel to construct a turnpike road in Pike county;"

"An act to incorporate the Chicago Bethel Association;"

"An act to authorize the levying and collecting taxes for school purposes, in the county of Iroquois, and for the sale of section sixteen, in township twenty-five north of range eleven west;"

"An act authorizing an additional Justice of the Peace in New Boston precinct, in Mercer county;"

"An act to incorporate Canton Library Association;"

"An act to vacate town plots;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Liverpool, Canton and Knoxville Rail Road Company;"

"An act to regulate the election of Justice of the Peace in the town of Athens;"

"An act to legalize the sale of school lands, in Sangamon county," and

"An act to vacate a part of the town plat of the eastern addition to the town of Macomb, also the entire town plat of the town of Sewardsville, in the county of McDonough,"

Were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bills severally read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act authorizing counties to give a bounty on wolf scalps,' approved February 25, 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Laid on the table.

"An act to district the county of Jo Daviess, and for other purposes therein mentioned;"

"An act in relation to revenue;" and

"An act to remit certain taxes assessed for State revenue of 1839 upon lots and blocks in Nathaniel Pope and others' addition to Alton," were read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

"An act to revive a certain act therein named," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act to amend 'An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin county,' approved February 28, 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

"An act to provide for the payment of costs in criminal cases," was read, and

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act in relation to costs in criminal cases," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Warren moved to lay the bill on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Cavarly Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Matteson, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—27.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Judd, Miller, Noble and Sweat—4.

"An act to repeal the charter of the town of Vandalia," was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Laid on the table.

"An act to establish certain ferries in St. Clair county," and

"An act supplemental to the 'Act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Rail Road Company,'" were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Dresser.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Canal and Canal Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the benefit of Common Schools, in District No. 4, town 36, range 10 east, in Will county," reported the same back, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, have concurred with them in the passage of bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, for the payment of the Canal debt;' approved Feb. 21, 1843;"

"An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the city of Alton;"

"An act to provide for the maintenance of the Rockford Bridge;"

"An act to incorporate the Rockford Female Seminary;"

"An act supplemental to an act giving additional power and authority to the city of Council of the city of Peoria;"

"An act to amend chapter 89, of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to empower the guardian of the heirs of William Hick, deceased, to sell and convey certain real estate therein mentioned;"

"An act in relation to the town of Pecatonic, in the county of Winnebago, and to change the name thereof to Rockton;" and

"An act for the benefit of Basset & Taylor of Beardstown, Illinois;"

The House of Representatives have also concurred with the Senate, in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of the town of Kickapoo Mills in the county of Peoria," as amended by them.

They have amended the title of the last named bill, by adding the words "and Pleasant View in Clark County;" in which amendments to said bills and title, they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also concurred with the Senate in their amendments to the bills from the House, entitled

"An act to divide the county of Gallatin, and to form out of the same the county of Saline;"

"An act requiring the punctual discharge of duties of the Attorney General and the several States' Attorneys;"

They have adopted the following resolution, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate, viz:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the acts passed at this General Assembly, shall be bound in half binding, and that but five hundred copies of the Incorporation and private acts be printed.

They have passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate, viz:

"An act to locate, relocate, vacate and establish certain State Roads;"

"An act to continue the charter of the Mount Carmel and Alton Rail Road Company;"

"An act for the purposes therein named;"

"An act regulating the terms of the Courts in the first judicial circuit;"

"An act to regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in the county of McHenry;"

"An act for the early distribution of the laws and journals;"

"An act vacating a portion of the town plat of Woodburn in the county of Macoupin;"

"An act making appropriations for the pay of officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and 1846;" and

"An act to provide for recording transcripts of judgments of Justices of the Peace."

They have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to allow John Crenshaw to liquidate the amount he owes to the State," as amended by them.

They have also amended the title of the bill, by adding after the name of "Crenshaw," the words "and othres;" in which amendments to said bill and title, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'an act to authorize a settlement with Macalister and Stebbins, and further to diminish the State debt, approved March 4, 1843,'" reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute, which was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

Mr. McRoberts, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representative, entitled "An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in,

Mr. Catlin moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso:

Provided, That when the whole amount of the Delafield bonds left by the Fund Commissioner with the said Delafield shall be returned, then and in that case new bonds shall be issued to the amount of what they claim to have paid for said bonds, viz: one thousand four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$1,414.)")

Mr. Matteson moved to lay the amendment on the table, and
The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Noble, Sanger, Sutphin, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—20.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Stephenson and Sweat—13.

The question was then taken upon ordering the bill to a third reading as amended, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Noble, Sanger, Sutphin, Warren, Webb and Wilcox—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Stephenson and Sweat—12.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence to the amendment therein.

Mr. Markley, from the select committee to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to remove the seat of government to the city of Peoria," reported the same back, with an amendment as a substitute, which was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

On the further motion of Mr. Markley,

The title of the bill was amended so as to stand, "An act to vacate the town plat of Westminster in Fulton county."

Ordered, That the said title be as amended, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Killpatrick from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to save property and make people rich," reported the same back with a substitute as an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading as amended.

On motion of Mr. McMillan,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be so amended as to stand, "An act supplemental to 'An act to apportion the representation of the State of Illinois,' approved,

February 22, 1847," and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Constable, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act concerning the duties of circuit court clerks," reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Stephenson, Sutphin, Webb and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Coudy, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Sweat and Warren—11.

Ordered, That the title thereof be amended so as to stand, "An act to enable Clay county to re-construct the road and bridges over Purgatory swamp and the Little Wabash river," and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Prickett, Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to provide for an election to re-locate the seat of justice of Henderson county;"

"An act to authorize Joseph S. Jackson to build a dam across the Kaskaskia river;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of James B. Lovell, late of the county of Fulton, deceased;"

"An act incorporating the Moline Manufacturing company;"

"An act to change the name of the town of Amity in Bond county, to the name of Pocahontas."

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate, viz:

"An act to provide for the apprehension of fugitives from justice;"

"An act to require the people of Alton to pay a part of the election and court expenses of the county of Madison."

Mr. Allen, from the committee on Elections, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to remove the seat of government from Springfield to Cairo," reported the same back with an amendment as a substitute; which was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be so amended as to stand "An act to legalize the acts of John R. Miller, deputy Recorder for the county of

Williamson, and George W. Smith, deputy Clerk of the circuit court of Cook county," and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act regulating the terms of the court in the first judicial circuit," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to locate a State road therein mentioned," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The order of business was again suspended, and the Senate bill, entitled "An act to allow John Crenshaw to liquidate the amount he owes to the State," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to amend the estray law, approved, March 3d, 1845," reported the same back with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

Mr. Harris moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Denny, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Noble, Smith, Sutphin, Warren and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Coudy, Dennis, Dunlap, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, Mc-
Millan, Miller, Morrison, Stephenson and Webb—12.

On motion,
The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled and this day presented to the Council of Revision, to-wit:

"An act to commute the punishment of John Baxter, by putting him in the Penitentiary during life instead of hanging;"

"An act to amend chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes of this State;"

"An act for the relief of George W. Casseday and others;"

"An act for the relief of the securities of Amos H. Squire, deceased."

Mr. Boal, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to prevent the circulation of Bank notes and to increase the price of wheat," reported the same back with amendments, which amendments were concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be amended so as to stand "An act for the relief of Cornelius Ludlum," and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Ordered by the Senate, That the Secretary be authorized to employ some competent person to assist in performing the duties of Secretary of the Senate, he being unable to attend in consequence of ill-health.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, which had been instructed, &c. by resolution, reported said resolution back, with an amendment, striking out all after the word "Resolved" and insert the following:

"By the General Assembly, That the Secretary of State be instructed to publish all laws of a general nature, passed at this session of the General Assembly, which take effect from their passage, or which take effect immediately thereafter, in the Illinois State Register and in the Sangamon Journal, immediately after the adjournment of the General Assembly, which laws so published shall be evidence of what is therein provided: *Provided*, That the cost of publishing said laws shall not exceed one hundred dollars to each paper; and that one copy of each paper shall be furnished to the clerks of the county commissioners' and circuit courts."

Which amendment was concurred in, and the resolution, as amended, adopted.

Ordered, That the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wilcox, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to remit certain taxes assessed for State revenue of 1839, upon lots and blocks in Nathaniel Pope and others' addition to Alton," reported the same back, and asked for and obtained a discharge from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wilcox, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to revenue," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration: the committee were thereupon, accordingly discharged.

Mr. Allen moved to lay the bill on the table, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Cavarly, Constable, Dennis, Denny, Hanson Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Noble, Powers, Sanger, Smith, Sweat and Webb—17.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Adelphi of Knox College."

The House have passed a bill of the following title, viz: "An act to suppress riots and regulating companies, and maintain the supremacy of the laws;"

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish and maintain common schools," reported the same back with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The amendment proposed by the committee to the seventh section of the bill, and the words in the amendment proposed by them to the 121st section, to-wit: "which two-thirds shall be a majority of the legal voters of the district," were

Laid on the table.

The question being then taken on concurring in the remaining amendments to the bill as proposed by the committee,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Killpatrick moved to amend the fourth section by striking out the first line to the word "he" and insert the following:

"The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a suitable person, who shall be superintendent of common schools in the State, who shall hold his office for two years, and shall devote his whole time to the department of common school education; he shall visit the different counties in the State, call public meetings, and deliver addresses on the subject of popular education. Said superintendent shall receive for his services, twelve hundred dollars per annum to be paid out of the interest of the school, college, and seminary fund. If the legislature shall adjourn before such nomination can be made by the Governor, then and in that case, the Governor shall appoint said officer."

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The said amendment was laid on the table until the fourth day of July next.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The following was added as an additional section:

That the public printer is hereby required to print in pamphlet form ten thousand copies of this act, under the direction of the Secretary of State, to be distributed by said Secretary, according to population, among the several counties, and deposited with the clerk of the county commissioners' court, to be by him distributed with the several treasurers of townships, for the use of the different officers under this law, and also a copy to each school commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was re-committed to the committee on School Lands and Education.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The order of business was suspended, and a bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and '46," was taken up, read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled and this day presented to the Council of Revision, to-wit:

"An act to apportion the representation in the several counties in this State;"

"An act to incorporate the Rockford Female Seminary;"

"An act for the benefit of Bassett & Taylor of Beardstown, Illinois;"

"An act to allow John Crenshaw and others to liquidate the amount they owe the State;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the completion of the Illinois and Michigan canal, and for the payment of the canal debt,' approved, February 21, 1843;"

"An act supplemental to 'An act giving additional power and authority to the city council of the city of Peoria.'"

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education,

to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish and maintain common schools," reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its passage.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The order of business was suspended, and a bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to suppress riots and regulating companies, and maintain the supremacy of the laws," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The vote taken on laying on the table, a bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to remit certain taxes assessed for State revenue of 1839, upon lots and blocks in Nathaniel Pope and others' addition to Alton," was re-considered.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

The order of business was suspended, and engrossed bill entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons therein named," was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be amended so as to stand, "An act in relation to the first Congregational Society of Rockford."

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the passage of the bill.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Hale.

Mr. Warren, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates under the command

of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and 1846," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill was laid upon the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Casey, a member:

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of public property in White county," in the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, viz:

"An act to amend chapter eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to empower the guardian of the heirs of William Hick, deceased, to sell and convey certain real estate therein mentioned;"

"An act to authorize Joseph L. Jackson to build a dam across the Kaskaskia river;"

"An act to provide for the maintenance of the Rockford bridge;" and

"An act to incorporate the Adelphi of Knox College."

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to encourage agriculture in Will county, as well as in Illinois generally," reported the same back, with an amendment as a substitute; which was concurred in, and the bill was

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be so amended as to read, "An act to limit the time for persons to bring claims against the State of Illinois," and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Edwards, from the select committee to which was referred a communication from Ex-Governor Ford, in reply to a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the Meredosia rail road, reported the same back to the Senate, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Said communication was laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to establish certain ferries in St. Clair county," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

The bill was laid upon the table until the fourth day of July next.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend 'An act for the relief of James M. Jones, of Gallatin

county,' approved February 28th, 1845," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on Petitions, to which was referred the bill for "An act declaring the Middle Fork of Shoal creek a navigable stream," reported the same back, with a substitute as an amendment; which was concurred in, and,

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The bill, as amended, was laid on the table.

Senate bills, on third reading:

Orders of the day:

Senate bill, entitled "An act to pay the State debt," was read the third time; and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—14.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—17.

Senate bills, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled 'An act to improve the navigation of the Embarrass river;' and

"An act to vacate the town plat of Kickapoo Mills, in the county of Peoria,"

Were read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Bills of the House of Representatives, on their first reading:

"An act to regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in the county of McHenry," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The bill was amended, by adding to the third section the words following, to wit: "This act shall be applicable to the county of Will."

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, pass to a third reading.

"An act for the purposes therein named," was read, and,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by its title, and Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dougherty, Matteson and Coudy, be said committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in their amendment to the House bill, entitled "An act to amend the practice act."

The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith submitted for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act supplemental to 'An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and '46;'"

"An act to amend the present revenue law;"

"An act to incorporate Belleville Mutual Insurance Company;"

"An act for the relief of certain persons therein named;" and

"An act supplemental to 'An act providing for calling a convention.'"

"An act for the early distribution of the laws and journals," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hanson moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Noble, Sanger, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—23.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Brown, Constable, Edwards, Harris, Killpatrick, Markley, Miller and Smith—10.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act supplemental to 'An act providing for calling a convention,'" was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

Mr. Hanson moved that the rule be dispensed with, and that the bill be read a second time by its title.

Mr. Dougherty moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Dougherty, Hanson, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—14.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dunlap,

Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—20.

"An act for the relief of persons therein named," was read, and

Ordered, to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Referred to the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures.

"An act to provide for recording transcripts of judgments of Justices of the Peace," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

"An act vacating a portion of the town plat of Woodburn, in the county of Macoupin;" and

"An act to continue the charter of the Mount Carmel and Alton Rail Road Company," were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bills read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of said bills.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The order of business was suspended, and leave given him to report a bill from the committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, entitled "An act for the relief of the persons therein named;" which was

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Orders of the day, continued:

"An act supplemental to 'An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845, '46;" which was,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,
Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,
The order of business was suspended, and the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845, '46," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,
The bill was amended, by adding the following, to wit:

SEC. — That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to remunerate and compensate the company of volunteers raised and officered at Marshall, in Clark county, on the fifth day of June, commanded by Capt. W. B. Archer, and reported to the Governor and received by him on the ninth day of June, as company number twenty-seven, raised for the Mexican war, rejected by the Governor at Alton on the twenty-seventh day of June, A. D. 1846.

SEC. — Justin Harlan, Uri Manly and Timothy R. Young, of Clark county, are hereby appointed a Board of Commissioners, who, or a majority of them, are authorized to settle with the subaltern officers, first and second lieutenants, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates of said company, and shall pay to them such sum as they may be justly entitled to, taking the claims of those who furnished clothing, provisions, and to those who furnished wagons and went over with the company to Alton, make a fair, equitable, and just division of the money above appropriated, to all parties interested, and shall take receipts for the same, and shall render an account how and to whom the payments have been made, to the Auditor of Public Accounts; which sum above stated shall be in full of all expenses and charges incurred by said company, and those who aided as above.

SEC. — It shall be the duty of the Auditor of Public Accounts, on the application of the said Board of Commissioners, a majority of whom may act, to issue to them a warrant or warrants on the treasury of the State for the amount stated above, six hundred dollars.

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Boal, Cavarly, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Webb—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Smith, Stephenson and Wilcox—15.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendment therein.

On motion of Mr. Harris,
The bill, for "An act declaring the Middle Fork of Shoal creek a navigable stream," was taken from the table, and
Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Harris,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,
Messrs. Cavarly, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, McRoberts, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—10.

Those voting in the negative, are,
Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Stephenson and Webb—19.

"An act to locate, re-locate, vacate and establish certain State roads," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Public Roads.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Will county Literary and Historical Society;" and

"An act to provide for forfeited recognizances;" the latter bill as amended by the House; in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith submitted for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled:

"An act to incorporate the town of Shawneetown;"

"An act to amend 'An act to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;'"

"An act to incorporate the Piasa Lodge No. 27, of Free and Accepted Masons;"

"An act to transcribe the records of Scott county;"

"An act authorizing an additional Justice of the Peace in Plumb creek precinct, in Randolph county;" and

"An act to incorporate the Cave-in-Rock Mining Company."

The House have also concurred in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor to pay William E. Armstrong and others the amount of certain judgment."

Mr. Dennis from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills as correctly enrolled, and that the same have this day been laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act for the relief of James B. Lovell, late of the county of Fulton, deceased;"

"An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the city of Alton;"

"An act incorporating the Moline Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to provide for an election to re-locate the seat of justice of Henderson county;"

"An act to change the name of the town of Amity, in Bond county, to that of Pocahontas;"

"An act in relation to the town of Pecatonic, in the county of Winnebago, and to change the name thereof to Rockton;" and

"An act for the relief of Michael Kennedy."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Logan, a member:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, entitled,

"An act for the formation of the county of Harrison;" and

"An act to add part of Sangamon to the county of Menard;"

In the passage of which, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Coudy,

The vote taken on refusing to pass the bill, entitled "An act to pay the State debt," was re-considered, and,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Referred to the committee on Counties.

The bill, for "An act to amend the present revenue law," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill, for "An act to incorporate the Belleville Mutual Insurance Company," was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Referred to the committee on Incorporations.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of public property," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Webb, Sanger and Matteson, be said committee.

The bill, for "An act to require the people of Alton to pay a part of the election and court expenses of the county of Madison," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

Senate bill, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to provide for forfeited recognizances," was read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act for the formation of the county of Harrison," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Dougherty moved to dispense with the rule, and read the bill a second time.

Mr. Edwards moved to lay the bill on the table until the fourth day of July next; and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, McMillan, McRoberts, Miller, Noble and Webb—13.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, Markley, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox--20.

The bill, entitled "An act to change the law incorporating the city of Galena, and to amend the same," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading,

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill was laid on the table.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes, in relation to fees, approved March 3d, 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The joint resolutions from the House of Representatives, in relation to a geological survey of the State of Illinois, and in relation to the binding of the laws passed at the present session of the General Assembly, were read and concurred in by the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act to add part of Sangamon to Menard county;"

"An act to transcribe the records of Scott county;"

"An act to incorporate Piasa Lodge No. 27, (twenty-seven) of Free and Accepted Masons;"

"An act authorizing an additional Justice of the Peace in Plumb creek precinct, Randolph county;"

"An act to amend 'An act to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river;'"

"An act to incorporate the town of Shawneetown;" and
"An act to provide for the apprehension of fugitives from justice;"

Were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of said bills.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have adopted the accompanying preamble and resolution, relative to a geological survey of the State of Illinois; in the adoption of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to improve the roads in the Illinois bottom."

The House have passed bills, herewith presented for concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act to amend chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes," in relation to fees, approved March 3, 1845;" and

"An act to change the law incorporating the city of Galena, and to amend the same."

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act in relation to bridges, in Kane county;" and

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Timothy Losey."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

Mr. Catlin, from the committee on counties, to which was referred the bill for "An act to pay the State debt," reported the same back, with amendments.

Mr. Edwards moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table, which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Killpatrick, Miller, Sweat and Wilcox—11.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Massac, Dougherty, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Markley, Reddick, Sanger, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—17.

Mr. Killpatrick moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

Mr. Gillespie, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to revive a certain act therein named," reported the same back, with an amendment as a substitute.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848," and

"An act to authorize the bringing of suits against the State Trustee of the Illinois and Michigan Canal;"

In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, for "An act for refunding the State debt," as amended by the House; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have also concurred with the Senate in their amendments to House bills, entitled

"An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates under the command of Gen. J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and '46;"

"An act for the relief of Patrick Strachan and William D. Scott;"

"An act to amend 'An act to locate a State road from Batavia, in Kane county, to David Bennett's, in Du Page county,' approved February 11, 1845;"

"An act to change certain names therein mentioned;"

"An act to construct a Rail Road from Alton, in Madison county, to Springfield, in Sangamon county;"

"An act concerning the Muddy Saline Reservation, in Jackson county;"

"An act to amend 'An act for the relief of James M. Jones of Gallatin county,' approved February 28, 1845,"

"An act for an equitable division of the school funds belonging to township one south, range five west.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question pending before the call of the Senate, was upon concurring with the committee in their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to pay the State debt;" said amendments were concurred in, and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Morrison, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Warren—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Noble, Sanger, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—17.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as amended by striking out, and, inserting in lieu thereof, "An act in relation to Incorporations," and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in the passage of the bill.

The question recurring to the amendment proposed by the committee on the Judiciary to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to revive a certain act therein named."

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Allen, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to fees, approved 3d March, 1845," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to provide for recording transcripts of judgments of Justices of the Peace," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The bill was read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Constable, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the present revenue tax," reported the same back, and recommended its rejection.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the bill on the table.

And the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative, are.

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Hanson, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, McRoberts, Smith, Sutphin and Webb—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Dennis, Dunlap, Gillespie, Houston, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Stephenson, Sweat Warren and Wilcox—19.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,
Referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Brown, Matteson and Markley, be said committee.

Mr. Gillespie, on leave, presented the memorial and petition of citizens of Madison county, relative to the Atlantic and Mississippi rail road; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,
Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,
The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to change the law incorporating the city of Galena, and to amend the same," was taken from the table, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Sanger,
The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize Andrew Gray the use of a portion of the Peoria and Warsaw rail road," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in; and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,
The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The vote taken on laying on the table till the fourth day of July next, the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the early distribution of the laws and journals," was reconsidered.

The question then being on ordering the question to a second reading,
Mr. Constable moved the previous question.

On the question, "Shall the main question be now put?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a second reading.

Mr. Constable moved that the rule be dispensed with, and the bill be read a second time, and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Killpatrick, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat and Webb—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, McRoberts, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Warren and Wilcox—20.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to locate, re-locate, vacate, and establish certain State roads," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

The bill was read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title of the bill be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of said amendment, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Webb, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of public property in White county," reported the same back, with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The order of business was further dispensed with, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved to amend the third section of the bill, by striking out the words "three dollars and fifty cents," wherever they occur in the second clause, and insert in lieu thereof "four dollars," and called for a division of the question.

Mr. Cavarly moved to amend the motion, by striking out the words "fifty cents."

Mr. Judd moved to lay the motion of Mr. Cavarly on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Sweat and Wilcox—21.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Edwards, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—15

Mr. Cavarly moved to lay the motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on the motion to strike out the words "three dollars and fifty cents," it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Coudy moved to insert the words "two dollars and fifty cents."

The question being first taken on the motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock, to insert the words "four dollars," it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Sweat and Wilcox—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Edwards, Harris, Leviston, Markley, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Warren and Webb—17.

Mr. Noble moved to re-consider the vote last taken; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Judd moved to strike out the word "five," in the first clause of the third section, and insert the word "six," in lieu thereof; and also to strike out the words "three dollars and fifty cents," in the same clause, and insert in lieu thereof the words "four dollars;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Constable moved to re-consider the vote last taken.

Mr. Cavarly moved to lay the motion to re-consider on the table; and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question then being taken upon the motion to re-consider, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. McRoberts moved to strike out the words "four dollars and fifty cents," in the third clause of the third section, and insert in lieu thereof the words "five dollars;" and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. McRoberts moved to re-consider the vote last taken; and

The question being then put, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Constable moved to amend the bill, by adding, as follows:

"To Robert Bell, for services rendered as clerk of the joint select committee upon the claim of Michael Kennedy, employed by order of the Senate, twenty dollars;" and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The bill was amended, by adding, as follows:

"That the Rev. Messrs. Bergen, Hale, Dresser, Barger, Springer and Bailey, be allowed the sum of sixteen dollars, each, for attending the Senate Chamber and Hall of Representatives and rendering services as Chaplains, during the present session."

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The third clause in the second second section was amended, by striking out the words "one thousand six hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two thousand;" and also adding after the word "dollars," the words "for two years."

Mr. McMillan moved to add the following, as an additional section:|

"SEC. —. That Nathaniel Buckmaster be allowed for building a pole house,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$404 95
Dry house,	-	-	-	-	-	-	178 40
Wagon makers' shop,	-	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Guard boxes on the wall,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Root house,	-	-	-	-	-	-	45 00
The purchase of padlocks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00"

Mr. Constable moved to lay said amendment on the table; and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Coudy moved to strike out \$1500 and insert \$1000 per annum, for the five Justices of the Supreme Court last elected.

Mr. Constable moved to lay the motion on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Harris, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Noble, Reddick, Sanger, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Denny, Dougherty, Leviston, Markley, Matteson, Smith, Stephenson and Warren—14.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The words "three dollars and fifty cents," were stricken from the fifth clause of the third section, and words "four dollars," inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The words "two dollars and fifty cents," as pay for the clerk of the Council of Revision, were stricken out, and the words "three dollars," inserted in lieu thereof.

Mr. Sanger moved to strike out from the fourth clause of the second section the words "two thousand," and insert in lieu thereof the words "twenty-eight hundred."

Mr. Allen moved to lay said motion on the table; and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill was further amended, by adding, as follows:

"To Lincoln B. Knowlton, the pay and mileage of a member of the Senate, during the time he was contesting his seat, the mileage and number of days' attendance to be certified by the Secretary of the Senate."

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Sweat and Wilcox—19.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Dougherty, Harris, McMillan, Markley, Reddick, Smith, Stephenson, Warren and Webb—15.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments made by the Senate to said bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith submitted for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled,

"An act to attach a portion of Logan county to the county of De Witt;" and

"An act to amend the law in relation to jails and jailors."

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled,

"An act to incorporate the University of Chicago;"

"An act to legalize the acts of John R. Miller, deputy Recorder for the county of Williamson, and George W. Smith, deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook county;"

"An act for the relief of Augustus Martin;"

"An act in relation to the Cemetery in the town of Elgin, Kane county;"

"An act to authorize Benjamin W. Raymond, Joseph Teft and Truman Gilbert, to build a dam across Fox river, in Kane county;"

"An act relating to common schools in Kane and De Kalb counties;"

"An act to establish a road from Fox to Rock river;"

"An act to incorporate the St. Francis Xavier Female Academy of Chicago, Illinois;" and

"An act to allow the heirs of Charles Prentice, deceased, to redeem certain lots in the town of Vandalia, Fayette county."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act making appropriations for the pay of officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and 1846,'" was taken from the table, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. McRoberts moved a re-consideration of the vote on the passage of the bill, for "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848."

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved a call of the Senate.

Mr. McRoberts moved to dispense with the further call of the Senate.

Mr. McRoberts moved to amend the bill, by striking out the words "three dollars and fifty cents," in the fourth clause, third section, and inserting the words "four dollars," in lieu thereof; which was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hanson moved further to amend the bill, by inserting the following, to wit:

"There shall be allowed to Harman G. Reynolds, for his services as assistant in the office of the Secretary of State, during the present session of the General Assembly, the sum of two dollars per day, exclusive of time occupied in copying the laws, the number of days to be certified by the Secretary of State."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

Said amendment was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The eleventh clause of the second section of the bill was amended, by striking out the words "two hundred and fifty," and inserting "three hundred."

The question being taken on the re-passage of the bill, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Hanson, Houston, Judd, Killpatrick, McRoberts, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Sweat and Wilcox—18.

Those who voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Brown, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Harris, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Smith, Stephenson Sutphin and Warren—16.

Mr. McMillan, on leave, presented the petition of R. W. Richey and others, praying for a special law to enable them to impose a tax to build a school house; which, without reading, on his motion, was

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplemental to the 'Act to incorporate the Sangamon and Morgan Rail Road Company,'" reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, "An act to incorporate the Nauvoo and Warsaw Rail Road Company," and that the same has been laid before the Council of Revision.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith submitted for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act making appropriations for the pay of officers and privates in the expedition to Hancock county, in the fall of the year 1846, under Governor Ford;" and

"An act to legalize the acts of the deputy Surveyor of Du Page county."

Orders of the day:

Bills of the House of Representatives, on second reading:

"An act for the formation of the county of Harrison," was read a second time.

Mr. Edwards moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Edwards moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates under the command of General J. J. Hardin and Major W. B. Warren, during the years 1845 and 1846,'" was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates in the expedition to Hancock county, in the fall of the year 1846, under Governor Ford, was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hanson,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate were dispensed with.

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr. Edwards, to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the formation of the county of Harrison,"

Mr. Davis of Hancock moved the previous question.

The question being then taken, "Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Denny, Edwards, Gillespie, Harris, Judd, McMillian, Markley, Miller, Morrison, Noble and Webb—18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Cavarly, Dougherty, Dunlap, Hanson, Houston, Killpatrick, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—17.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to require the people of Alton to pay a part of the election and court expenses of the county of Madison," was read a second time, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Springer.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The order of business was suspended and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend 'An act concerning wills,' approved, March 3d, A. D., 1845," was taken from the table, and the following amendment was offered by him, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

"SECTION 1. That the provision of the 11th section of said act, stating "That the Bank shall not hereafter be allowed to charge a greater rate of interest than six per cent. on the renewal of any note," shall be extended to all cases where any of the parties, either principals or securities, died before the renewal of their notes, or became bankrupts either before or after the passage of said act.

SEC. 2. That the 4th section of the "Act supplemental to 'An act to redeem the public debt one million of dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,' approved, February 28, 1845," is hereby amended so as to authorize the debtors to said Bank to pay their notes, debts or judgments due said Bank, in State indebtedness, other than in the Macalister & Stebbins bonds, to the amount of the whole balance of two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars, due from said bank to the State, for the amount of State stock in said bank at the date of the last named supplemental act."

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was suspended, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as follows, viz: "An act to amend 'An act to reduce the public debt one million dollars, and to put the Bank of Illinois into liquidation,' approved, February 25, 1843;" that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in their 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th amendments to the House bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848."

The House have refused to concur with the Senate in their 1st, 2d, 3d, 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th amendments to said bill.

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, as amended by the House, entitled "An act to authorize Alonzo T. Phillips to build a dam across Fox river, in the town of Batavia, in Kane county;"

"An act providing changes in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits, and for fixing the times for holding courts in the seventh judicial circuit;"

"An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at Henry, in Marshall county."

In the amendments to which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have concurred with the Senate in their amendment to a bill for "An act to provide for the sale of public property in White county."

The House have also concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills entitled:

"An act to amend the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Revenue;' "

"An act to abolish the corporation of the town of Carrolton;"

"An act defining the liabilities of the securities of Charles Kitchens, late agent of the internal improvement fund of Greene county;"

"An act to allow the American subscribers to the canal loan of \$1,600,000 the same privilege or right conferred upon foreign subscribers;"

"An act to incorporate the Hainesville Academy in Lake county;"

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Transporting Company;"

"An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846, and 1847;' "

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Justus Post;"

"An act to authorize the school trustees of township 13 north, range 10 east of the 4th principal meridian to establish a ferry across the Illinois river;"

"An act to empower Henry M. Waters to sell and convey certain real estate;"

"An act to incorporate the Galena Hydraulic company;"

"An act to establish a State road from Rockford northerly to the State line," and

"An act to authorize George H. Norris to build a bridge across the Illinois river, at Ottawa."

The latter bill as amended by the House; in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed bills, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate, entitled,

"An act to extend the limits of the town of Nauvoo;"

"An act granting certain powers to the trustees of Shawneetown," approved, January 20, 1831, and

"An act to change the time of commencing the terms of the circuit court of Massac county."

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848," was taken up.

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved that the Senate insist upon their amendments to said bill, and that the Secretary ask the appointment of a committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives to confer upon the disagreeing vote, and also that a like committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Messrs. Davis of Hancock, Wilcox, Davis of Massac, Dougherty and Judd be such committee on the part of the Senate, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate have leave to withdraw from the Senate Chamber for the purpose of such conference.

Mr. Wilcox, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates in the expedition to Hancock county, in the fall of the year 1846, under Gov. Ford," reported the same back, with an amendment; which amendment was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of said amendment, and ask their concurrence therein.

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on Incorporations, to which was referred a bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to incorporate the Belleville Mutual Insurance Company," made report, recommending its rejection by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

Said bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The order of business was suspended, and Senate bill, entitled "An act providing changes in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits, and for fixing the time for holding courts in the seventh judicial circuit," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

The order of business was suspended, and Senate bill, entitled "An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at Henry in Marshall county," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, and said amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to enable the Auditor of the State of Illinois to perform his duty," reported the same back with amendments; which were concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to change the time of commencing the terms of the circuit courts of Massac county," was taken up, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of their concurrence in the passage thereof.

Mr. Davis of Massac, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the School Commissioner of La Salle county, to sell a part of Section 16, T. 33 N., R. 3 E.," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendment.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision, bills severally entitled:

"An act to incorporate the Cave-in-Rock Mining Company;"

"An act to authorize the Governor to pay William E. Armstrong and others the amount of a certain judgment;"

"An act for the relief of Augustus Martin;"

"An act to improve the roads in the Illinois bottom;"

"An act to locate a State road and build a bridge;"

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Timothy Losey;"

"An act to incorporate the Will county Library and Historical Society;"

"An act in relation to bridges in Kane county;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Kickapoo Mills in the county of Peoria and Pleasant View in Clark county;"

"An act to improve the navigation of Embarrass river;"

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills as correctly enrolled, and this day have been laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act to incorporate the University of Chicago;"

"An act to incorporate the St. Francis Xavier Female Academy of Chicago Illinois."

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to remit certain taxes assessed for State revenue of 1839, upon lots and blocks in Nathaniel Pope and others' Addition to Alton," reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Matteson, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to district the county of Joe Daviess, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendments therein.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bill as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act for the relief of the heirs of Justus Post."

Mr. Dougherty, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the purposes therein named," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments therein.

Orders of the day :

Senate bill, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the State debt, as amended by the House of Representatives, was read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in the county of McHenry," was read a third time by its title, as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be amended by adding the words "Will county," and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and their concurrence in said amendment.

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act providing for calling a Convention,'" was read a second time.

Mr. Leviston moved to amend the bill by adding the following as an additional section:

SEC. — That the elections to take place under and by virtue of the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, shall be based upon the ratio of representation as fixed by law on the census of 1840, and each senatorial and representative district, as formed by "An act to apportion the representation in the several counties of this State, approved February 26th, 1841," shall be allowed the same number of delegates in the Convention, as they now have in the present General Assembly; and said elections shall be conducted in all respects as elections are now, for members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Sweat moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The orders of the day were progressed in.

Bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the early distribution of the laws and journals," was read a second time, and the question being taken upon ordering the bill to a third reading,

It was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Brown, Constable, Denny, Edwards, Harris, Killpatrick, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Webb—14.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Dunlap, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, Leviston, McMillan, Matteson, Noble, Sanger, Sweat, Warren and Wilcox—19.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Dougherty,

The further call of the Senate was dispensed with.

The question pending the call of the Senate, was upon the motion to amend the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act providing for calling a Convention."

Mr. Davis of Hancock, moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table.

Mr. Sweat moved a division of the question.

The question being taken first on laying the amendment on the table, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Brown, Constable, Coudy, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Harris, Judd, Killpatrick, McMillan, Markley, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Smith, Sutphin, Sweat, Webb and Wilcox—22.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Gillespie, Houston, Leviston, Stephenson and Warren—13.

And the question then being taken on laying the bill on the table, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Boal, Catlin, Cavarly, Coudy, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dennis, Dougherty, Harris, Houston, Leviston, McMillan, Markley, Noble, Smith, Stephenson, Warren and Wilcox—20.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Constable, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Gillespie, Judd, Killpatrick, Matteson, Miller, Morrison, Sanger, Sutphin, Sweat and Webb—15.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Peoria Female Seminary," and

"An act to vacate certain streets in the town of Pittsfield, Pike county."

The House have passed bills, entitled

"An act to amend 'An act changing the estray law,' approved March 3, 1845;"

"An act for the sale of certain recesses in the town of Chester;"

"An act to extend the time for collection and return of taxes in Mason and Iroquois counties three months," and

"An act for the relief of the inhabitants of township twenty, north of range five west, in Mason county." In the passage of which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Another message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act in relation to the first Congregational Society of Rockford;"

"An act for the relief of Cornelius Ludlum;"

"An act to vacate the town plat of Brussels, in Scott county," and

"An act to incorporate the Springfield Hotel Company."

The House have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act for the relief of Francis G. Murray, of Scott county;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock River Bridge Company,' and

"An act for furnishing certain tract books for the use of the Auditor's office."

The House of Representatives have appointed Messrs. Sherman, Erwin, Seehorn, Omelveny, Linder, Thomas of Morgan, Cunningham, Brown and Huffman, a committee of Conference on their part on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to a bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848."

Bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the law in relation to jails and jailors," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to attach a portion of Logan county to the county of De Witt," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

The bills from the House of Representatives, entitled

"An act to extend the time for collection and return of taxes in Mason and Iroquois counties three months;"

"An act for the sale of certain recesses in the town of Chester;"

"An act to authorize the bringing of suit against the State Trustee of the Illinois and Michigan canal;" and

"An act for the relief of Francis G. Murray, of Scott county,"

Were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, the bills read a second time by their titles, and,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, the bills read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be respectively as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in their passage.

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock River Bridge Company,'" was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

"An act for furnishing certain tract books, for the use of the Auditor's office," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

A message from the Governor, by H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to lay before the Senate a communication from the Governor, in writing.

"An act granting certain powers to the Trustees of Shawneetown, approved January 22, 1831, was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The bill was amended, as follows: Strike out of the first section, after "*Provided*," and insert the following, instead: "That all laws or parts of laws which exempt the citizens of Shawneetown who may belong to any fire company in said town from serving on juries, be and the same is hereby repealed."

Ordered, That the bill, as amended, pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment therein.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The order of business was suspended, and the rule having been dispensed with without objection, offered for adoption the following:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That the hour for the final adjournment of the present General Assembly, be fixed at 12 o'clock, meridian, on Monday next, as fixed by a former resolution of the two Houses.

Mr. Markley moved to lay the resolution on the table; and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence in its adoption.

"An act for the relief of the inhabitants of township twenty north of range five west, in Mason county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Referred to the committee on School Lands and Education.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to extend the limits of the town of Nauvoo," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of their concurrence therein.

The Speaker laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, upon Executive business.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The same was acted on with open doors, and read as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Springfield, February 26, 1847.

To the Senate:

I nominate Arthur Bryant, to be Notary Public for the county of Bureau;

Henry W. Clark, to be Notary Public for the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook;

George Purington, to be Notary Public for the county of Stephenson;

William Preston, to be Public Administrator for the county of Stephenson;

James S. Smith, to be Notary Public for the county of Pulaski;

Samuel Hunsaker, to be Public Administrator for the county of Union;

Thomas Hileman, to be Notary Public for the county of Union;

Robert Dunlap, to be Notary Public in Upper Alton, in the county of Madison;

Bryan Shaunessy, to be Notary Public for the city of Cairo, in the county of Alexander;

Phineas W. Platt, to be Public Administrator for the county of McHenry;

James Darrah, to be Notary Public for the county of Gallatin;

Joseph Huey, to be Public Administrator for the county of Clinton;

M. P. Hait, to be Notary Public for the county of Lake;

Joseph A. Phelps, to be Public Administrator for the county of Mason;

Benjamin T. Echols, to be Public Administrator for the county of Pulaski;

Smith Turner, to be Notary Public for the county of Mason.

AUGUSTUS C. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Leviston,

The nominations were severally advised and consented to.

"An act to amend 'An act changing the estray law,' approved March 3, 1845," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the bill.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Senate bill, entitled "An act to authorize George H. Norris, to build a bridge across the Illinois river at Ottawa," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and said amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following, as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, to wit:

"An act to amend the eighty-ninth chapter of the Revised Laws, entitled 'Revenue;'"

"An act providing changes in the seventh and ninth judicial circuits, and for fixing the time for holding courts in the sixth and seventh judicial circuits."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk :

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed bills, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled

"An act for the compensation of Patrick Ballingall, for extra services as State's Attorney of the Cook County Court;"

"An act to legalize the acts of certain school directors in Logan county, and for other purposes;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company,' approved March 1st, 1845;" and

"An act to locate a certain State road therein named."

The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act for the relief of Solomon Davis;"

"An act to authorize the Governor to refund certain moneys;"

"An act to incorporate the Union Charcoal Road Company;" and

"An act to build a bridge across the Des Plaines river in the town of Joliet;"

The latter bill, as amended; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have concurred with the Senate in the adoption of a resolution relative to the publication of the general laws in the papers of Springfield.

The House have also adopted the accompanying resolution relative to the printing and binding of the incorporation laws of the present session.

The resolution of the House of Representatives, to rescind joint resolu-

tion authorizing five hundred copies of the private acts of the present session of the General Assembly to be printed separately, was taken up, read, and,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Laid on the table.

Senate bill, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to build a bridge across the Des Plaines river in the town of Joliet," was read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act for the compensation of Patrick Ballingall, for extra services as State's Attorney of the Cook County Court;"

"An act to locate a certain State road therein named;"

"An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the Lake Michigan Hydraulic Company,' approved March 1, 1845;"

"An act to legalize the acts of certain school directors in Logan county, and for other purposes;"

Were severally read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and said bills severally read a second time by their titles, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and said bills read a third time by their titles, and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to preserve the State arms."

The House have passed a bill, herewith presented for concurrence, for "An act in relation to the Attorney General and State's Attorneys;"

And a joint resolution requiring our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of a law making appropriations to citizens of the State of Illinois, for losses and injuries sustained in the Black Hawk war;

Also, joint resolutions relative to the construction of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean;

In the adoption of which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The order of business was suspended, and the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Rock River Bridge Company,' to which this is an amendment, approved February 26, 1845," was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The bill was amended, as follows: Strike out of the second section all before the word "boat" and the words "the stock," and insert in lieu

thereof "longer than thirty minutes, and for every additional thirty minutes' detention of any boat or boats, or raft, or craft, in passing said bridge, said corporation shall be subject to a fine or penalty not less than twenty-five dollars, to be recovered by action of debt before any justice of the peace in and for the county of Ogle for the use of the person or persons so detained."

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments therein.

Mr. Brown, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the present revenue law," reported the same back, with amendments, which amendments were concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendments.

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to the Attorney General and State's Attorneys," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title.

The question being put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allen, Allison, Catlin, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Gillespie, Judd, Leviston, McRoberts, Matteson, Miller, Noble, Sweat and Wilcox—15.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Denny, Dunlap, Edwards, Harris, Houston, Killpatrick, Markley, Morrison, Smith, Stephenson, Sutphin and Webb—16.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dennis from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills as correctly enrolled, and that the same have this day been laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act authorizing the school trustees of T. 13 N. R 10 E. of the 4th principal meridian to establish a ferry across the Illinois river;"

"An act to incorporate the Galena Hydraulic Company;"

"An act to allow American subscribers to the Canal loan of \$1,600,000, the same privilege or right conferred upon foreign subscribers;" and

"An act to incorporate the Illinois Transporting company."

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee of conference of the two Houses, which was appointed to confer upon the disagreeing vote thereof upon certain amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and '48," made report, which was read, concurred in, and,

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Laid on the table.

The preamble and resolutions in relation to losses and damages in the Black Hawk war; and also the joint resolutions relative to the construction of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, were taken up, read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Killpatrick, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the memorial of the Kane county educational convention, reported the same back, and,

On motion of Mr. Killpatrick,

Laid on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, herewith presented for the concurrence of the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of certain persons therein named, acting for and under the authority of the State;"

The House of Representatives have also concurred with the Senate in their amendments to a bill for "An act making appropriations for the years 1847 and 1848," as recommended by the committee of conference of the two Houses.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of certain persons therein named, acting for and under the authority of the State," was taken up, read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The rule was dispensed with, said bill read a second time by its title, and amended, by adding to the end of the second section the following:

"To King & Ball, for services rendered as barbers to the Hon. William Rhodes, one dollar and fifty cents;

"To S. S. Brooks, twenty-five dollars, as assistant Secretary of the Senate, under a special resolution.

"To Wilson & Company, of Rushville the sum of twenty-five dollars, for coffee and sugar furnished the troops in 1844 and 1845."

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading, as amended.

On motion,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the several amendments thereto,

Mr. Warren moved to re-consider the vote taken on refusing to pass the bill, entitled "An act in relation to the Attorney General and State's Attorneys;" and

The question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Allison, Catlin, Constable, Davis of Hancock, Davis of Massac, Dunlap, Gillespie, Houston, Judd, McMillan, Matteson, Morrison, Noble, Sanger, Sweat, Warren, Webb and Wilcox--18.

Those voting in the negative, are,

Messrs. Boal, Brown, Cavarly, Coudy, Dennis, Denny, Dougherty, Edwards, Markley, Stephenson and Sutphin--11.

Mr. Brown moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Senate be presented to the Hon. James Semple and the Hon. Sidney Breese, now in the Senate of the United States, for the able and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty as public servants, and particularly for the notice they have taken of Senators and others, in sending them valuable public documents during the present session, and that the Governor notify them of the passage of this resolution.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Hancock,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

The bill, entitled "An act in relation to the Attorney General and State's Attorneys," was amended, by adding the following: "*Provided*, That this act shall not extend to the collection of the revenue of this State or any county."

The question being then taken, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendment.

The rule having been dispensed with, without objection,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be unanimously tendered to the Hon. Lieutenant Governor Wells, for the very able, impartial and dignified manner in which he has discharged his duties, while presiding over the deliberations of the Senate, during the present session.

Mr. Markley moved a re-consideration of the vote taken on the passage of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of certain persons therein named, acting for and under the authority of the State."

Mr. Boal moved a call of the Senate.

Pending the call of the Senate,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Senate bill, entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane, as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Boal,

Further proceedings under the call of the Senate were dispensed with.

The question pending the call of the Senate, was upon the motion to re-consider the vote taken, upon the passage of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of certain persons therein named, acting for and under the authority of the State," and being then put, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Markley moved to amend the bill by adding the following:

"Sec. 2. Be it enacted that there be allowed to Major J. R. Parker, for services rendered, and to the men under his command from Fulton county, under special order and call of the Governor, the following sums of money, for which said several sums the Auditor is further authorized to issue warrants to the individuals hereinafter named: to Major Parker, for his services and expenses, eighty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents; to J. C. Johnson, for thirty-five dollars and fifty cents; to John Thorp, for twenty-seven dollars; to A. H. White, for fourteen dollars; to George Thompson, for fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents; to Benjamin Perry, for twenty-one dollars and ninety-four cents; to Phillip Grim, for fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents; to Joseph Long, for twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents; to Harrison P. Fellows, for eleven dollars and twenty-five cents; to Jacob Fox, for twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents; to Henry Ostrander, for fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents."

The question being taken upon its adoption, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Markley, moved to lay the bill on the table, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. John S. Roberts, Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives have refused to pass Senate bills, entitled

"An act for the regulation and government of the militia of the State of Illinois;" and

"An act to refund money paid by R. M. Young for this State."

The House have concurred in Senate amendments to a bill for "An act to regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors in the county of McHenry."

The House has also concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane;" as amended.

In which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The question recurring to the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane,"

It was then put and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller, on leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act to establish a term of the circuit court in the county of Jo Daviess," which was read, and *Ordered* to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Noble,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Allison moved to re-consider the vote taken upon the concurrence of the Senate to the amendment made by the House of Representatives entitled "An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane," and

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Markley,

The bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the pay of certain persons therein named, acting for and under the authority of the State," was taken from the table.

Mr. Markley moved to amend the bill, by adding the following:

"To Major J. R. Parker, for services rendered, and to the men under his command from Fulton county, under the special order of the Governor, the following sums of money, for which several sums the Auditor is authorized to issue warrants to the individuals hereinafter named, to-wit: to Major Parker, for his services and expenses, eighty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents; to J. C. Johnson, thirty-five dollars and fifty cents; to John Thorp, twenty-seven dollars; to A. H. White, fourteen dollars; to George Thompson, fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents; to Benjamin Perry, twenty-one dollars; to Phillip Grim, jr., fifteen dollars; to Joseph Long, twenty-seven dollars; to Harrison P. Fellows, eleven dollars; to Jacob Fox, twenty-seven dollars; and to Henry Ostrander, fifteen dollars."

The question being then taken thereon, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then put, "Shall the bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments thereto.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of township 20, north of range 5 west, in Mason county," reported the same back with an amendment, which amendment, was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments thereto.

Senate bill, entitled "An act to authorize Alonzo T. Phillips, to build a dam across Fox river in the town of Batavia in Kane county," as amended by the House of Representatives, coming up, said amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the canal land against trespassers,' approved, March 4, 1837," and "An act to amend 'An act to protect the canal lands against trespass,' approved February 26, 1839, approved, February 27, 1845," reported the same back with a substitute as an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill,

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

The rule was dispensed with, the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments therein.

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Enrolled Bills reported the following as correctly enrolled and this day laid before the Council of Revision:

"An act to establish a State road from Rockford northerly to the State line;"

"An act to abolish the corporation of the town of Carrolton;"

"An act defining the liabilities of the securities of Charles Kitchens, late agent of the Internal Improvement fund of Greene county;"

"An act to authorize the refunding of the State debt."

"An act to incorporate the Hainsville Academy in Lake county;"

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois," as amended by the House.

In which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Senate bill entitled "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois," as amended by the House of Representatives, coming up, was read, and

The question being taken on concurring with the House of Representatives in their amendment, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of John W. Read, collector of Massac county," was read, and

Ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a second time by its title, and

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The rule was further dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage.

Mr. Judd, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Francis B. Thompson and seventy-five others, citizens of the county of Edwards, praying a charter for the construction and extension of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, &c. also the petition of certain citizens of Rockford relative to the extension of the charter of the Rockford Hydraulic Company; and also a resolution in relation to the National road in Illinois, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

Said committee were, thereupon, accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Judd,

Said petitions and resolutions were laid on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Omelveny, a member of the House:

Mr. Speaker: The house has passed a bill for "An act for the relief of John W. Read, collector of Massac county."

In the passage of which, they ask concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled, and this day presented to the Council of Revision, to-wit:

"An act in relation to the first Congregational Society of Rockford;"

"An act to establish a road from Fox to Rock river;"

"An act to legalize the acts of John R. Miller, deputy recorder for the county of Williamson, and George W. Smith, deputy clerk of the circuit court of Cook county;"

"An act to provide for forfeited recognizances;"

"An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act for the assessment and collection of revenue for Hancock county, for 1845, 1846 and 1847;'"

Mr. McRoberts, from the committee on Internal Navigation, to which was referred the bill for "An act to improve the Illinois river," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. McRoberts,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education, to which was referred the petition of John Judd and others, praying for the distribution of a certain portion of the school fund in La Salle county; also, the memorial of the common school convention; also, the petition of R. W. Richey and others, praying a special law to impose a tax to build a school house; also, the petition of inhabitants of Kane county, for a law to impose a tax to build a school house; and also, the petition of Wm.

Nash and others, for a law to raise a tax for school purposes, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Said petitions were laid upon the table.

Mr. Webb, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill entitled "An act to dispose of personal property belonging to the State, and for other purposes therein named," reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Said bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on School Lands and Education to which was referred bills entitled:

"An act to amend the law in relation to common schools;"

"An act for the relief of the inhabitants of township No. 16, in Pope county;"

"An act to amend the ninety-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Schools;'"

"An act for recording the plats of the school lands;"

"An act to define the north and south in Illinois," and

"An act declaring all riots and mobs at an end."

Reported the same back and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee were, thereupon, accordingly discharged, and said bills,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Were laid on the table.

Mr. Markley, from the committee on Public Roads, to which was referred the petition of S. H. Ball and others; also of 117 citizens of Ogle, Winnebago and La Salle counties, for State roads, reported the same back and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

Said committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and said petitions,

On motion of Mr. Markley,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled and this day presented to the Council of Revision:

"An act to vacate the town plat of Brussels in Scott county;"

"An act to incorporate the Union county Charcoal road Company;"

"An act in relation to the Cemetery in the town of Elgin, Kane county;"

"An act to allow the heirs of Charles Prentice, deceased, to redeem certain lots in the town of Vandalia, Fayette county;"

"An act to empower Henry M. Waters to sell and convey certain real estate;"

"An act relating to common schools in Kane and De Kalb counties."

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the law in relation to courts," was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Constable, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend the law in relation to courts," reported the same back, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill, as amended,

Ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be amended so as to read, "An act to authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church of this State to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and for other purposes," and that the Secretary ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Roberts, Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to bills entitled

"An act to amend the revenue law;"

"An act in relation to the Attorney General and State's Attorneys," and

"An act for the relief of the inhabitants of township 20 north, of range 5 west, in Mason county."

The House have indefinitely postponed the consideration of a Senate bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act to apportion the representation of the State of Illinois,'" approved, February 22d, 1847."

Mr. Cavarly, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of O. Marsh and twenty others, asking the repeal of all laws making distinction in color, also divers other petitions of a like character, relating to the same subject, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee were, thereupon, accordingly discharged, and the petitions,

On motion of Mr. Cavarly,

Were laid on the table.

Mr. Catlin from the committee on counties, to which was referred the remonstrances of sundry citizens of Jo Daviess county, against a division thereof, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the remonstrances,

On motion of Mr. Catlin,

Laid on the table.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 8 o'clock, A. M., on Monday next.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1847.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of Aurora, in Kane county, to abolish cap-

ital punishment, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged; whereupon, the committee were discharged.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

The report and petition were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Warren, it was

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That a committee of two on the part of the Senate, and three on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed a committee to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and learn from him whether he has any further communication to make to this General Assembly, and report at their convenience, to the two Houses.

Ordered, That Messrs. Warren and Edwards be said committee on the part of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act concerning practice;"

"An act for the relief of inhabitants of incorporated towns;" and

"An act to enable the Auditor of the State of Illinois to perform his duty."

The House has concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill for "An act to district the county of Joe Daviess, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Mr. Davis of Massac, from the committee on Salines and Saline Lands, to which was referred the bill, entitled "An act to establish permanently the northern boundary of Illinois, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and the committee was discharged accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Davis of Massac, from the committee on Salines and Saline Lands, which was instructed to inquire into the expediency of selling the Saline lands and wells belonging to the State, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and the committee were discharged accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Massac,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Miller, on leave, presented the petition of 100 citizens of Little Fort, Lake county, praying the repeal of all laws regulating the rate of interest on money; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Constable, on leave, presented the petition of Henry Stees and 71 others, citizens of Wabash county, praying the consideration of a plan for constructing a rail road therein named; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Laid on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act to authorize a settlement with Macalister and Stebbins, and further to diminish the State debt,' approved March 4, 1843."

The House have concurred with the Senate in their amendments to a House bill for "An act making appropriations for the pay of certain persons therein named, acting for and under the authority of the State."

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill for "An act establishing a term of the Circuit Court in Joe Daviess county."

Mr. Dougherty, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred various petitions, relating to the repeal of laws making a distinction in color, made report, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Laid on the table, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Allen, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution from the House of Representatives relative to funding the State debt and imposing a poll tax, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; the committee were thereupon accordingly discharged, and the resolutions,

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to costs in criminal cases," was taken from the table, and

Referred to the committee on Finance.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Boyakin, a member:

Mr. Speaker : The House of Representatives have passed a resolution appointing a committee of conference, five on the part of the House and three on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the Senate and House, on the bill for "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois;" and that Messrs. Boyakin, Johnston, Underwood, Little of Will, and Logan of Sangamon, are appointed on the part of the House of Representatives.

A message from the Council of Revision, by Mr. Hawley, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker : The Council have had under consideration, "An act to empower Henry M. Waters to sell and convey certain real estate;" and respectfully return the same with the following objections, to wit:

The Council of Revision hereby return the within act, entitled "An act to empower Henry M. Waters to sell and convey certain real estate," as improper to become a law, for the following reason, to wit: that it is not the province of the Legislature to decide in regard to the right and power of individuals respecting the title to real estate.

THO'S. C. BROWNE,
S. H. TREAT,
J. D. CATON,
SAM'L. D. LOCKWOOD,
J. B. THOMAS."

Mr. Sweat presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bureau county, asking a law to prevent hogs running at large; which, without reading, was,

On motion of Mr. Sweat,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Harris, from the committee on Petitions, to which was referred a resolution instructing the Auditor of Public Accounts to commence suits upon the bonds of all delinquent collectors of revenue, in accordance with section thirty, chapter eighty-nine, of the Revised Statutes, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration; and the committee were accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Constable, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and laid before the Council of Revision, the following, to wit:

"A bill for 'An act concerning practice.'"

Senate bill, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to amend chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes," was taken up, read, and,

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Laid on the table.

Senate bill, as amended by the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to limit the time for persons to bring their claims against the State of Illinois," was taken up, read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Taylor, their Assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred in the Senate's amendment to a bill for "An act making appropriations for the pay of the officers and privates in the expedition to Hancock county, in the fall of the year of 1846, under Governor Ford."

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bills, entitled

"An act to limit the time for persons to bring claims against the State of Illinois," and

"An act to amend the 108th chapter of the Revised Statutes," as amended by them. In which amendment, they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have also concurred in the Senate's amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize School Commissioners of La Salle county, to sell a portion of section 16, T. 33, N. R. 3, E."

Mr. Matteson, from the committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill of the House of Representatives, entitled "An act in relation to costs in criminal cases," reported the same back, with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill

Ordered to a third reading, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Matteson,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be so amended, as to read,

"An act for the relief of the heirs of John K. Boyer," that the title be as amended, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence to the amendments of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

The resolution of the House of Representatives appointing a committee of conference, consisting of five on the part of the House, and three on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on the bill, entitled "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois," was taken up, read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That Messrs. Webb, Markley and Davis of Massac; be such committee, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that they have concurred with them in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to maintain and establish common schools," as amended by the House; in which amendments they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following acts as correctly enrolled and this day presented to the Council of Revision, to viz:

"An act to incorporate the President and Trustees of the Peoria Female Seminary;"

"An act to authorize George H. Norris, to build a bridge across the Illinois river at Ottawa;"

"An act for the relief of Solomon Davis;"

"An act to vacate certain streets, in the town of Pittsfield and county of Pike;"

"An act to incorporate the Springfield Hotel;"

"An act to establish a term of Circuit Court in the City of Galena, and county of JoDaviess;"

"An act to build bridges across Des Plaines river, in the town of Joliet;"

"An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act to authorize a settlement with Macalister and Stebbins, and further to diminish the State debt,' approved March 4, 1843."

"An act for the relief of inhabitants of incorporated towns;"

"An act to enable the Auditor of Public Accounts to perform his duties;"

"An act to regulate the granting of license for the sale of spiritous liquors in the counties of M^cHenry and Will;"

"An act to locate a certain State Road therein named;" and

"An act to establish a ferry across the Illinois river at Henry, in Marshall county;"

Mr. Webb, from the committee on Conference, which were appointed upon the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, upon the bill, entitled "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois," made a report,

recommending the passage of the Senate bill, with additional sections six and seven; which was concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills as correctly enrolled, to wit:

"Preamble and resolutions in regard to losses and damages in the Black Hawk war;"

The above this day presented to the Governor.

Senate bill, entitled "An act to establish and maintain Common Schools;" as amended by the House of Representatives was taken up, read, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

"An act to empower Henry M. Waters, to sell and convey certain real estate," which was returned by the Council of Revision, with their objections,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Was laid on the table,

Senate bill, entitled "An act to define the Revenue law," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, read, and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House refuse to concur with the Senate in their amendments to House bill, entitled "An act to amend an act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to protect the Canal Lands against trespasses,' approved March 4, 1837; and, an act to amend an act to protect the Canal lands against trespasses, approved Feb. 27, 1845."

The House have concurred with the Senate in their amendment to bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act to authorize Andrew Gray, the use of a portion of the Peoria and Warsaw Rail road;" and

"An act in relation to costs in criminal cases."

The House have concurred, in the amendment of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act finally closing the affairs of the State Bank," proposed by the committee of conference, appointed on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on said bill.

The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of bill, entitled "An act to define the Revenue law;" as amended, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Taylor, their assistant Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House have concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to re-locate a part of the Darwin and Charleston Turnpike road, as amended by them, in which amendment they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of a bill, entitled "An act to amend chapter eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes entitled records and recorders."

"An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled 'An act to protect the Canal lands against trespasses, approved March 4, 1837,'" and "An act to amend 'An act to protect the Canal lands against trespasses,' approved February 27, 1845," which was amended by the Senate, in which amendment the House of Representatives refused to concur, coming up,

Mr. Warren moved that the Senate recede from their amendments, and the question being taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Warren,

The rule was dispensed with, and the bill read a third time by its title, and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the concurrence of the Senate in its passage, &c.

Mr. Sanger, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, and this day laid before the Council of Revision, bills of the following titles, to wit:

"An act for the relief of John K. Boyce," and

"An act for finally closing the affairs of the State Bank of Illinois."

"An act to relocate a part of the Darwin and Charleston Turnpike road," as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, and said amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald, their Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the adoption of their resolution relative to the hour of adjournment as amended by them, by striking out the word "next," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "instant;" in which amendment, I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Wilcox,

The resolution, as amended by the House of Representatives, was taken up, and said amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following as correctly enrolled and this day presented to the Council of Revision, to-wit:

"An act to authorize Alonzo T. Phillips to build a dam across Fox river;"

"An act to preserve the State arms;"

"An act to authorize the Governor to refund certain moneys;"

"An act to establish the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane;"

"An act to limit the time for persons to bring claims against the State of Illinois;"

"An act to define the revenue law,"

“An act to amend chapter eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Records and Recorders;’”

“An act to establish and maintain common schools;” and

“An act to locate certain roads in Coles and Moultrie counties; and to assess damages in a certain case;”

Also, a resolution concerning the printing of the laws; and that the same had been laid before the Governor.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Taylor, Assistant Clerk of the House:

Mr. Speaker: The House of Representatives have concurred with the Senate, in the passage of a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and ascertain whether he has any further communications to make to the General Assembly, and that Messrs. Glover, Slocumb, and Little of Will, are appointed members said committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Warren, from the joint select committee, appointed for that purpose, reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor, and had been informed by him that he had no further communications to make to the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker addressed the Senate, as follows:

“GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE: Permit me ask your attention for a few moments before we part.

The Senate has been pleased to adopt a resolution commendatory of my conduct as your presiding officer, during the present session. For the kind terms used therein, I tender you my unfeigned thanks. I have endeavored faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of Speaker of the Senate; notwithstanding that desire, however, I am fully sensible of having fallen into many errors; but so indulgent a spirit has manifested itself towards me. in this respect, that the recollection thereof will be long and gratefully cherished.

The session has been of the usual duration of previous ones. Though much time, at the early part of it, was necessarily consumed in the observance of the proper obsequies which attended the severe visitations of Providence, in the House of Representatives, by the death of two of its valuable and lamented members, yet, more business has been accomplished, as I have been informed by members who have been honored with seats here for a series of years, than has ever before been done in a single session, within their recollection.

My experience here, during this session, has taught me that the duty of a Legislator, faithfully discharged, involves labor, anxiety, and great responsibility. These you have felt and incurred, without either hardihood or evasion. Many acts have been passed, of a general character, of great importance to our cherished State. It is to be hoped, that the purposes which actuated their framers and advocates will be found to have been wise, and that the good results which they so ardently desired should follow these enactments will be seen in the increasing growth and prosperity of our beloved State. A great many laws of a private and local character have, likewise, been passed. In these, the best interests of our fellow citizens have, also, I trust, been consulted, and their approbation insured.

It has been a source of pleasure to me, (though debate has often been

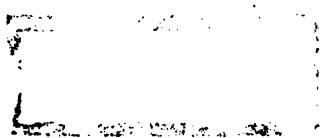
animated and heated,) to observe the courtesy and becoming dignity that have marked the conduct of Senators here towards each other.

You are all about to depart for your several homes, many of you residing far distant from the present scene of your labors. May you journey in safety there ; and find the choice blessings of kind Providence to have rested upon those, who, clustering around you, will greet your return to the scene of domestic and social enjoyment. That this rich pleasure may be granted, and that prosperity and happiness attend you all, is my most ardent desire."

Mr. Speaker then, in pursuance of the resolution of the two Houses of the General Assembly, pronounced the Senate to be adjourned, *sine die*.

HENRY W. MOORE,

Secretary of the Senate.



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